

2nd Odisha State Financial Inclusion Conclave-2019

Key Theme: "Women Empowerment through Inclusive Finance"

Organized by	Date: 1st March' 2019	Venue: Hotel Mayfair, BBSR
Odisha State Associations of Financial Inclusion Institutions (OSAFII)	Background: Access to inclusive finance by poor and vulnerable groups is viewed as a prerequisite for poverty reduction and social cohesion. With Financial Inclusion emerging as a major policy component in the country, microfinance through its inclusive financial services is seen as one of the a promising tools to reach out to the unbanked populations. The state of Odisha emerged as a potential microfinance market in the region and projected a rich diversity of models, practices, tools and products etc. Delivered mainly by Banks, NBFC-MFIs and other organizations, through SHG and JLG models, microfinance has been able to reach out to a large section of people including women in the state of Odisha. The role of MFIs in providing the financial services for the poor has been quite encouraging, especially in terms of their outreach and service delivery at the door steps of members. As reported about 27 MFIs including 07 home grown institutions work in Odisha and offer diversified financial services including micro credit, micro insurance, micro pension services etc to people. Collectively they have covered all districts, reached out to about 35 lakhs members with the loan portfolio of INR 6700 crores in the state. The contribution of 23 NBFC-MFIs has been very significant in this regard. (33 lakhs clients & Rs.6510 Cr portfolio-MFIN Micrometre, Sept'2019). As reported from the field, members utilize micro credit and other services for various economic and income generating activities to strengthen their household livelihoods. With a view to strengthen coordination with all stakeholders in the state, they have also formed an association called 'OSAFII'. Since its inception, OSAFII has been undertaking various sector building initiatives including organizing the state level financial inclusion conclave in Odisha. The first conclave was successfully organized in July'2017 in which around 250 Delegates took part and deliberated on various thematic areas. Based on the experience gained and responding to the sectoral needs in Odisha, OSAFII proposed to organize its 2nd Financial Inclusion Conclave in March'2019 .	
Vision Establish an Inclusive & Sustainable Financial Society Mission To Create Enabling Environment for Financial Inclusion through Stakeholders Engagement. <i>OSAFII operates as a member-based network organization of various institutions that promote financial inclusion in the state by offering inclusive financial services to poor. It is established as a Trust in the year 2016. The core intents of the association is to create and provide a common platform for all stakeholders in the state to share their experiences and facilitate better coordination among them. It works for strengthening the inclusive finance sector by addressing the state specific issues and challenges. OSAFII also helps strengthen the capacity of its members on various thematic areas including responsible finance and client protection principles . Started initially by seven homegrown MFIs, it has now got 18 members. The member organizations are signatories of the Common Code of Conduct (CoC) of MFIN and Sa-Dhan & adhere to the Fair Practice Code as stipulated by Regulatory Bodies.</i>	Key Objective & Format of the Conclave: One of the key objectives of the Conclave-2019 is to promote and strengthen effective coordination and synergy among all stakeholders for expanding financial inclusion collectively in the state of Odisha. The conclave will look at the full diversity of issues and challenges that impede and advance the financial inclusion initiatives in the state. Besides inaugural and valedictory sessions, the conclave will have technical sessions during which lead presentation on selected themes will be made. The sessions will be in the form of panel discussions, guided by experts. Deliberations will focus on the policy environment related to inclusive finance, women empowerment, financial capability, responsible finance etc. It is proposed to have at least two technical sessions on the day. <i>Technical Session : I-Reaching out to Unreached through Inclusive Finance: Challenges & Prospects of Financial Inclusion in Odisha</i> <i>Technical Session-II: Strengthening Women Empowerment through Financial Inclusion : Role of Stakeholders</i> It is expected that around 500 Delegates from across the state/country will participate in the conclave. In line with its theme this year, the Conclave will invite and bring about 300 Women SHG Leaders/Members to listen to them and also give them wider exposure on financial inclusion. Representatives from Govt line Depts, RBI, NABARD, SIDBI, SLBC, Banks, Small Finance Banks, Payment Banks, NBFC-MFIs & NBFCs, BCs, NGOs, CBOs, Cooperatives, Industry Associations & SROs like MFIN & Sa-Dhan, Academic, Training & Research Organizations are expected to participate in the conclave. In order to organize the conclave effectively with wider representation and stakeholding, OSAFII solicits collaborative efforts from its members, various other organizations and stakeholders.	

Tentative Agenda

Time	Key Activity
9.00 am-10.30 am	Registration
10.30 am-11.45am	INAUGURAL SESSION - Inauguration by Chief Guest- by Lighting of the Lamps. - Address by Guest of Honour- (Rep from Govt of Odisha) - Address by Guest of Honour- (RO-RBI) - Address by Guest of Honour- (NABARD) - Address by Guest of Honour- (SIDBI) - Address by Guest of Honour- (SBI) Key Note Address by the Chief Guest: Overview of OSAFII: Secretary, OSAFII Vote of Thanks: Vice President, OSAFII
11.45am-12.00 noon	Network Break
12.00 noon -1.00 pm	Technical Session-I: (Panel Discussion) Reaching Out to Unreached through Inclusive Finance: Challenges & Prospectus of Financial Inclusion in Odisha Vote of Thanks: Member, OSAFII
1.00 pm-2.00 pm	Technical Session-II : (Panel Discussion) Strengthening Women Empowerment through Financial Inclusion: Role of Stakeholders Vote of Thanks: Member, OSAFII
2.00 pm-3.00 pm	Lunch Break (At Convention Hall)
3.00 pm- 4.00 pm	Award Ceremony & Felicitation
4.00pm-4.15pm	Network Break
4.15 pm – 5.00 pm	OSAFII Way forward & Conclusion Vote of thanks- CEO-OSAFII

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