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2nd National Seminar on Micro Finance – Issues and Challenges

Call for Papers

Bankers Institute of Rural Development (BIRD), Lucknow, India is a society established by National bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), India in 1983 as an apex level institute offering training, research and consultancy services on various aspects of agriculture, rural development and rural finance. BIRD has set up within its fold a Centre for Microfinance Research (CMR) to take up research activities in the field of microfinance for facilitating policy initiatives and improvements in design and delivery system of microfinance services. The Centre has established four sub centres at Indian Institute of Bank Management (IIBM), Guwahati, Institute for Financial Management and Research (IFMR), Chennai, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Jaipur and Chandragupt Institute of Management (CIM), Patna.

CMR is organising its 2nd National Seminar on Microfinance – Issues and Challenges at Lucknow during July - August 2010. Microfinance practitioners, economists, bankers, policy makers and other stakeholders are expected to participate in the Seminar. For the purpose, papers on the broad themes mentioned below are invited from researchers/practitioners in the field of microfinance. Papers are invited under the following broad themes :

1. Tribal Economy and Micro Finance
2. SHG Bank Linkage Programme – Looking Ahead – The Roadmap
3. Migrant Workers : Tackling issues relating to remittances

Interested researchers/practitioners are requested to submit their papers, not exceeding 6000 words, latest by 30 April 2010. Abstracts not exceeding 200 words should also be submitted alongwith the papers. All papers will be reviewed for their suitability for presentation in the Seminar. Detailed guidelines for submission of papers are available on our website www.birdindia.org.in. Authors of the selected papers will be invited to present their papers in the proposed seminar for which they will be paid II AC rail fare/ Airfare by economy class by the shortest route. Some of the papers may be selected for publication in the seminar issue of our journal ‘The microFINANCE REVIEW’ to be released during the seminar for which concurrence of the authors may be expressed.

The papers may be mailed to bird@sancharnet.in or birdjournal@yahoo.in or posted to the Director, Bankers Institute of Rural Development, CMR, Sector ‘H’, L.D.A. Colony, Kanpur Road, Lucknow – 226 012 so as to reach on or before 30 April 2010 (Phone : 0522 2421187, 2421007, 2421137, Fax : 0522 2421176, 2421047)

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