

INVITATION



Leaving No-one Behind: How can financial innovation support inclusiveness and resilience?

Monday 10 July 2017

1:15pm – 2:45pm

Light lunch served from 12:30 onwards

European Union
Delegation to the UN
666 3rd Ave, 31st Floor,
Conference Room 3
New York

This side event will take place in the margins of the UN High-Level Political Forum

Welcome Remarks:

- **João Vale de Almeida**, EU Ambassador to the United Nations

Co-chairs:

- **Ambroise Fayolle**, Vice-President, European Investment Bank
- **Magdy Martínez-Solimán**, Assistant Secretary-General and Director, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP

Moderator:

- **Shirin Wheeler**, Principal Advisor International Media, EIB

Panelists:

- **Thierry Artaud**, Chief Executive Officer, M-Birr
- **Bilian Balev**, Executive Director, Bulgarian Development Bank
- **Bradley J. Busetto**, UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in Armenia
- **H.R.H. Princess Abze Djigma***, Ambassador for Renewable Energy, Burkina Faso
- **Ceyla Pazarbasioglu**, Senior Director, Finance & Market Practice, World Bank

The SDGs are underpinned by the promise to “*leave no one behind.*” This implies a focus not only on developing countries, but also on the most vulnerable *regions* and *peoples* within *all* societies – rich and poor alike. This EIB-UNDP side event will examine the role that financial innovations can play in support of *inclusiveness*, and will discuss innovative financing solutions that can deliver inclusive economic development and resilience. Drawing on concrete project examples in both developed and developing countries, the side event will explore lessons learned with different financial instruments and approaches, identify best practices and lessons learned. A joint policy discussion paper on how financial innovation can support inclusiveness and resilience in support of the SDGs will be presented and discussed.

Registration is requested. Please RSVP to Grace Ledda by **6 July 2017**: grace.ledda@undp.org

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