

MFC CEO Forum: Navigating the Future of Finance & Climate

(Limited seats - separate registration required)

Date: 27 May 2025

Time: 14:00 - 17:30

Location: OCEAN ROOM, Paragraph Freedom Square hotel

Overview:

This exclusive gathering of MFC Network CEOs will confront the challenges and seize the opportunities shaping the future of inclusive finance. The Forum will provide strategic insights into both the climate imperative and the transformative forces reshaping the financial landscape. Participants will engage with peers and thought leaders to navigate interconnected developments and lead their MFIs towards a resilient and sustainable future.

Agenda:

14:00 - 14:30 Networking Reception (Cocktails)

 An opportunity for CEOs to connect and network before the forum begins.

14:30 - 16:00 Part I: Climate Action - Leadership in a Skeptical Era

- Welcome and introductions by Katarzyna Pawlak, MFC CEO
- Discussion on the challenges and imperatives of climate action in a world facing populism and skepticism. Moderated by Jarek Dmowski, MFC Consultant
- Presentation of MFC's latest research on climate initiatives within the microfinance sector by Justyna Pytkowska, Senior MFC Researcher
- Exploration of limitations, opportunities, and knowledge gaps in climate engagement.
- Presentation of MFC's research on new global climate finance initiative by Katarzyna Pawlak, MFC CEO

16:00 - 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 - 17:30 Part II: Decoding the Financial Revolution - Insights from Moody's

- Presented by Petr Paklin, Moody's Analyst, moderated by Grzegorz Galusek, Senior MFC Advisor
- Analysis of the evolving financial landscape through key Moody's reports
- Insights into emerging market trends, European digital banking, and the impact of artificial intelligence.
- Discussion on how banks are responding to fintech disruption, economic headwinds, and AI integration.
- Discussion on how these trends impact MFIs.

17:30 CEO Networking Dinner

• Immediately following the forum, a networking dinner for continued conversation and connection.

