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## **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON FINANCIAL INCLUSION**

*21<sup>st</sup> November 2017*

*SCMS Campus, Prathap Nagar, Muttom*



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## BACKGROUND AND SCOPE OF THE CONFERENCE

Financial inclusion or inclusive financing is the delivery of financial services at affordable costs to sections of disadvantaged and low-income segments of society. Global trends have shown that in order to achieve inclusive development and growth, the expansion of financial services to all sections of society is of utmost importance. As a whole, financial inclusion in the rural as well as financially backward pockets of cities is a win-win opportunity for everybody involved – the banks/NBFC's intermediaries, and the left-out urban population.

## CALL FOR PAPERS

We invite scholarly articles on the below topics, but not limited to:

### **Suggested Themes**

#### ◆ **Theme 1 -Finance**

Digital financial inclusion and financial security

Recent trends in financial inclusion

Banking institutions and financial inclusion

Innovative methods in financial inclusion

Financial inclusion and financial stability

Microfinance and self-help groups

Crowd funding and financial inclusion

Social banking

Mobile money and financial inclusion

#### ◆ **Theme 2 - Technology/General**

Digital financial services and financial stability

Use of information and communication technology (ICT)

Women empowerment and financial inclusion

Digital technologies for financial inclusion

#### ◆ **Theme 3 – Economy**

Financial Exclusion and poverty

Indicators of financial inclusion

Financial inclusion and development

Financial inclusion and inequality

#### **Target Audience:**

Finance Professionals, Academicians, Research Scholars, Economists and other stakeholders.

## KEY NOTE SPEAKERS



Mr. K. Paul Thomas

Mr. Paul Thomas is the Founder and Chairman of ESAF Group of Social Enterprises including ESAF Small Finance Bank and ESAF Microfinance and Investments Pvt Ltd. He has more than 21 years in the microfinance sector. He was previously with Indian Farmers Fertilizers Co-operative Ltd (IFFCO) and is on the Board of apex microfinance body MFIN. He is the founder and President of Kerala Association of Microfinance Institutional Entrepreneurs (KAMFI). Mr. Paul has also won several awards and recognitions namely Dhanam Marketing Man of the Year 2016, Entrepreneur of the Year 2016 by TiE Kerala, Special Jury Award instituted by Chamber of Indian Micro Small & Medium Enterprises.



Mr. Harithirtham Vijayabalan

Mr. Harithirtham Vijayabalan is currently Director and Chief Internal Auditor in Bank of Maldives, Male. He has over 30 years of experience in banking and financial services industry and has held Senior Management positions in organizations such as HSBC Bank, Reinsurance Company Oman, DCB Bank India, ICICI OneSource Solutions Ltd, India and Reserve Bank of India. He is a Certified Internal Auditor, Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) and Certified Internal Information System Auditor. He is a former Board member of ISACA Mumbai Chapter and IIA Muscat Chapter. He is a Panel Member - IBA forum of Governance Risk and Compliance (GRC) and was founder-Member, Compliance Officers' forum of Foreign Banks in Mumbai in 1996.

## ***Registration for Paper Presentation:***

### **Registration**

*Online registration is available. Delegates attending and / or presenting papers at the international conference are requested to register and send the registration fee by demand draft drawn in favor of SSTM payable at Ernakulam, India on or before the respective deadlines.*

### **Program Fee**

*Rs.800 (includes conference kit, lunch and refreshments).*

**Last date for submission of Abstract : 16<sup>th</sup> Oct, 2017**

**Acceptance of the Abstract : 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct, 2017**

**Full paper submission : 10<sup>th</sup> Nov, 2017**

**Abstracts to be sent to:** [icf@scmsgroup.org](mailto:icf@scmsgroup.org)

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