

# Official Launch of Danish Forum for Microfinance

**Microfinance is booming in Europe – how about Denmark? Attend this official launch and hear Dr. Kai Hockerts, CSR, CBS and Axel de Ville, European Microfinance Platform talk about international trends and new roles of microfinance followed by an introduction to Danish Forum for Microfinance (DFM) – an umbrella of Danish actors in microfinance, and an open debate with the speakers and the board of DFM, closing with a light reception**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> April, 14:00 – 17:00 at CBS**

According to the UN, microfinance plays a crucial role in achieving the 2015 Millennium Development Goals. Three of the five recommendations of the Africa Commission include microfinance. Many international organisations have microfinance high on the agenda – World Bank, EU, and the governments of many developing countries. Events like the UN International Year of Microcredit in 2005, the Nobel Peace Prize to Grameen Bank and its founder Muhammad Yunus in 2006, and the Microcredit Summit Campaign underscore the extensive international support for microfinance.

The players are many – NGOs, the private sector (CSR), academics, consultants, public sector institutions, and the financial sector – and so are the perspectives. It is estimated that Europe has more than 200 active and competent microfinance players. Until recently, Denmark was almost invisible. Danish Forum for Microfinance, an umbrella organization for actors working with microfinance, wish to strengthen the Danish contribution. But what are the ways ahead, and how can the players collaborate on public information, research, networking and training? Here is your chance to influence!

14:00 – 14:15	Welcome and opening remarks by the chair	<b>Dr. Kai Hockerts</b> , Center for Corporate Social Responsibility, Copenhagen Business School
14:15 – 14:45	The microfinance sector in Europe: Status, challenges, future trends	<b>Axel de Ville</b> , Chairman of the European Microfinance Platform and Chief Executive of ADA, a microfinance organisation, Luxemburg
14:45 – 15:30	Questions and answers followed by coffee break	
15:30 – 16:00	Introduction to Danish Forum for Microfinance: Status in DK, goals, needs, approaches, activities	<i>Ole Dahl Rasmussen</i> , DanChurchAid and Chairman, Danish Forum for Microfinance. <i>Peter Blum Samuelsen</i> , Caritas and Coordinator, Danish Forum for Microfinance.
16:00 – 16:30	Debate on the way forward in Denmark, players, collaboration and the role of Danish Forum for Microfinance.	Panel: <i>Dr. Kai Hockerts</i> , <i>Axel de Ville</i> , <b>DFM board members:</b> <i>Jes Colding</i> (MyC4), <i>Flemming Kramp</i> (OIKOS), <i>Kristine Kaaber Pors</i> (DMR-U), <i>Mia Neumann</i> , Danish Refugee Council, <i>Ole Dahl Rasmussen</i> , <i>Peter Blum Samuelsen</i> .
16:30 – 17:00	Light reception	

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