

TRENDS AND ISSUES IN MICROFINANCE
INFORMAL INFORMATION EXCHANGE MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 30th January, 2006 AT FAIRWAY HOTEL

The theme of this quarter's Information Exchange was "**Getting the product right**" Mr. Edward Masiga, of the Economic Development Policy and Research Department; MoFPED chaired the meeting in the absence of Mr. Henry Mbaguta, Principal Economist, MoFPED who was unable to attend the meeting due to other commitments. The meeting was attended by 50 participants.

Highlights:

1st Presentation: "Where does the money go?"

By: Mr. Henk Oosterhout, Programme Manager – EU/GoU SUFFICE Project

Mr. Oosterhout discusses his book "Where does the money go?" The book explores the gap between what donors and financial institutions assume about their clients and how people actually behave. Further details and copy of the presentation can be obtained from our website: www.fsdug.or.ug

2nd Presentation: "Individual Lending in Uganda"

By: Ms. Jill Burnett, Independent Microfinance Consultant

Jill shared her mature experience in Microfinance product development drawing on international experience including working for Calmeadow Foundation and as a long-term technical advisor to Al Majmoua in Lebanon. Jill was in Uganda to conduct a study on the transition from group to individual loans.

Further details and copy of her presentation can be obtained from our website: www.fsdug.or.ug

The formal meeting ended but participants continued the discussions over cocktails

The organizers wish to satisfy the desires of the microfinance community for information and therefore invite suggestions for the theme for the next meeting. People with ideas for future presentations should communicate them to AMFIU (oliver@amfiu.org.ug) or to FSDU (chris@fsdug.or.ug).

Best Regards



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