



INVITATION ONLINE EVENT 11.03.2021

Loans on Honor: a comprehensive mechanism to foster development by supporting MSMEs (the session in English is a simultaneous interpretation of the main one in French)

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In ACP countries, a large number of companies and especially the smallest and the youngest, are struggling to find the financing they need to grow, despite a general awareness of their crucial role in job creation and economic development.

In recent years, solutions have emerged by combining both support and financing. The Prêts d'honneurs/ Loan on Honor mechanism is one of these solutions that has gradually developed in Africa, in particular through decentralized cooperation projects.

This webinar will propose to discuss the potential of the Loan on Honor mechanism in the economic development of emerging territories thanks to its financing instrument as well as its support levers for entrepreneurs and territorial animation. We will also discuss the conditions for the development of Prêts d'honneurs in ACP countries and the role of public authorities in integrating this device into their policies for promoting entrepreneurship and supporting business creation.

11 March 2021
2 – 3:30 pm (CET)

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AGENDA

1. Welcome and introduction
2. Presentation of the conclusions of the study on the potential and challenges of the Honorary Loan scheme in ACP countries
3. Comments and Q&A session
4. Panel discussion

Yasmine Galloul, Project coordinator, Expertise France

Thameur Hemdane, General Manager, Afrikwity

Claire Neuschwander, Manager, Red Mangrove Development Advisor

Bruno Casalan, Director of International Development at Initiative France

Virginie Lucas, Team leader at AFD

Gilles Kounou, Director of OPENSI in Benin, beneficiary of a PH loan

Omar Idrissi-Amraoui, Head of investment funds department at the Moroccan "Caisse Centrale de Garantie" (CCG)

5. Comment and Q&A session

6. Remote assistance application process (1 on 1 clinic)

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