

Singapore's Experiences with Financing SMEs: Lessons for the Commonwealth

Date: 16th -22nd April 2008

Time: 9.00am -5.00pm

Venue: Grand Copthorne Waterfront Hotel Singapore
392 Havelock Road
Singapore 169663
Level 3 Lyrebird Room

WORKSHOP AGENDA

Day 1

- Access to Finance: Commonwealth Secretariat Overview
- Overview of Singapore SME Policies and Practices
- Singapore's SME Master Plan
- Country Reports - 1st session (6 Country Reports)

Day 2

- Microfinance: Scenarios Impacting the Future of Microfinance
- Essential Features of a New Approach to Agricultural Microfinance
- Panel Discussion on State of Microfinance in CDCs
- Microfinance: Sustaining a Profitable Portfolio
- Singapore Start-up Finance Schemes
 - Start-up Enterprise Development Schemes (SEEDS)
 - Entrepreneurial Talent Development Fund (ETDF)

Day 3

- SME Lending Practices (Loan appraisal, SME scoring)
- Evaluating SME Proposals & Preserving
- Panel Discussion - Private Sector Banks & Singapore SME Financing
- Case Study - 2 SMEs that have benefited from SME Financing

Day 4 - Saturday (1/2Day)

- Preparing and Assisting SMEs to Access Finance
- Country Reports - 2nd session (Remaining Country Reports)

Day 5

- HR Staffing and Training for SME Lending
- Venture Capital Financing
- Apart from Loan & Equity-Franchising, Licensing & Leasing
- Panel Discussion - 1 Angel, 1 VC, Innovator/s

Day 6

- Financing International Expansion
- Financing SME Growth & Founder Exit
- Round-Table Discussion: Commonwealth Model for Supporting SME Access to Finance

Formal Training Programme Closing and Certification Ceremony