

# THE ADVISORY GROUP ON APEC FINANCIAL SYSTEM CAPACITY-BUILDING

A Public-Private Sector Initiative

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Room S221, Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center  
Hong Kong SAR, People's Republic of China

## **Meeting Paper 5-D**

# **Regulatory Environment to Promote Financial Inclusion**

Australian APEC Study Centre at RMIT University

### ***PURPOSE***

For consideration.

### ***ISSUE***

Policy Forum on Regulatory Environment to Promote Financial Inclusion

### ***BACKGROUND***

Following on from the activities discussed in Paper 5 – C the AASC has made a proposal to AusAID for funding a two-day forum in Melbourne (likely in August 2012) for financial system for policy makers and regulators, international and regional agencies and business to focus on aspects of banking regulations and supervisory arrangements to facilitate financial inclusion, . It would address tensions between regulations and financial inclusion, the incentive structures for banks and MFIs and viable business models, and the broadening of financial services through major utilities.

An intensive workshop would follow, to enhance regulatory capacities and involving case study presentations on changes/improvements in policies to facilitate financial inclusion.

ADB and CGAP will be involved in the work, and ADFIAP and AFC will be invited to participate.

### ***PROPOSAL***

N.A.

### ***DECISION POINT***

Endorse the policy forum and to participate as they consider appropriate in the program.