

Dear Colleague,

On behalf of the Council on Smallholder Agricultural Finance (CSAF), we are pleased to invite you to the inaugural “*State of the Sector*” webinar, which will take place on **Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 16:00 – 17:00 PM CEST** and will coincide with the publication of CSAF’s annual report.

Register

Established in 2014, CSAF convenes agricultural lenders to exchange learning, identify best practices, and develop industry standards. In 2015, the nine lenders that comprise CSAF issued loans totaling a combined \$597 million to 672 business across 66 countries. This financing helped to fuel an estimated \$3.7 billion in combined annual revenue for these borrowers and to connect 2.1 million smallholder farmers to local and international markets.

Our discussion will feature data and insights on the evolving credit market for agricultural SMEs, including:

- Growth and risk trends from 2015
- Market outlook for 2016 and beyond
- What’s needed to grow the sector and expand impact
- Q&A

Featured participants:

- **Brian Milder**, Executive Vice President, Root Capital (*Representing CSAF*)
- **Blaine Stephens**, Chief Operating Officer, MIX (*Data Partner*)
- **Carina Torres**, Agriculture Technical Advisor, Oikocredit (*Representing CSAF*)
- **Dan Zook**, Director of Investments, Initiative for Smallholder Finance (*Knowledge Partner*)

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