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Centre for Financial Inclusion & Entrepreneurship
Rajendranagar, Hyderabad – 500030**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

**National Seminar on Microfinance
(in Collaboration with NABARD)
on October 16, 2017**

Greetings from the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR).

In India, Microfinance has played a major role in ensuring socio-economic empowerment of the rural poor for the last 3 decades. Both the SHG-Bank Linkage Programme and other microfinance programmes, have flourished alongside financing of the poor by mainstream banks through various targeted lending schemes and the Government sponsored poverty alleviation programmes. With the sharp policy focus on financial inclusion, microfinance is in a position to make further significant contributions to the development paradigm.

In light of the above background, NIRD&PR, in association with NABARD, is organizing one-day National seminar on Microfinance, with the theme: Quarter Century of SHG Movement – Opportunities and Challenges of the SHG-Bank Linkage Programme. The seminar will be held on October 16, 2017 (Monday) at NIRD&PR campus in Hyderabad. The seminar will bring together various stakeholders in the field by focusing on the present position and its emerging trends, and help in charting the future course of action.

The following topics shall be deliberated in the Seminar:

- SHG-Bank Linkage Programme in the era of financial inclusion – perspectives of banks, issues of scalability, etc.
- Entrepreneurship/ livelihood opportunities – role of support institutions / agencies
- Best practices in microfinance – review of design of existing products suggestions for new financial products
- NABARD's E-Shakti Project – stakeholders' perspective
- National Rural Livelihood Mission (NRLM) – potential and performance of SHG-based innovations

You are requested to nominate suitable officers to attend the seminar. The Seminar will start at 9.30 AM and will be completed by 5.30 PM on October 16, 2017. Participants may reach NIRD&PR on the previous evening and stay in the hostel till next day's morning. The travel plans of the participants may be drawn up accordingly.

Please send the names of your nominees to the e-mail id: dashrn2@gmail.com, or msrikanth.nird@gov.in. You may also contact the undersigned (9010440048) or Dr. M. Srikanth (9949773504) for clarifications, if any.

Yours faithfully,

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