





CONSUMER EMPOWERMENT AND MARKET CONDUCT (CEMC) WORKING GROUP

A platform for policymakers to advance policy and regulatory issues related to consumer empowerment initiatives and market conduct regulations.

The CEMC Working Group was launched in April 2011 to examine how consumer empowerment and protection can help to secure access to financial services and improve the quality of these services.















AT A GLANCE

KEY OBJECTIVES

- > Develop a shared understanding of good practices and cost-effective policy tools
- > Promote policy adoption at national and international levels

The CEMC Working Group achieves these objectives by:

- > Promoting transparency and disclosure
- > Encouraging effective sales and marketing practices
- > Promoting the harmonization of international initiatives
- > Creating avenues for help and redress
- > Championing the benefits

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

- > Digital Financial Literacy Subgroup (jointly with DFS WG):
 - Guideline Note Digital Financial Literacy and Capability
- > Financial Education Subgroup (jointly with SMEF WG):
 - Policy guidance note on Financial Education
- > Gender Subgroup:
 - Risk sharing mechanisms credit guarantees for financing for women
- > DFS and Consumer Protection Subgroup (jointly with DFS WG):
 - Policy Model on DFS and Consumer Protection
- Complaint Handling in Central Bank Subgroup:
 - Recently published a framework on Complaint Handling in Central Bank
- > Transparency and Disclosure Subgroup:
 - Recently published experiences in the Implementation of the Principle of Disclosure and Transparency







58 Countries



130 Policy Changes



14 Knowledge Products

KNOWLEDGE PRODUCTS

2020

- > Framework: Complaint Handling In Central Bank
- Experiences in the Implementation of the Principle of Disclosure and Transparency in AFI Member Countries



- Case Study: The effectiveness of short-term financial education workshop in rural areas: the case of Armenia
- 2017
- Survey Report: Digitally Delivered Credit: Consumer Protection Issues and Policy Responses to New Models of Digital Lending
- Survey Report: Alternative Dispute Resolution
- > Special Report: Financial Capability Barometer - A new methodology for measuring the financial capability of a country's population
- 2016
- > Guideline Note 21 Market Conduct Supervision on Financial Service Provides: A Risk-based Supervision Framework
- 2015
- > Guideline Note 17 Policy Guidance Note and Results from Regulatory Survey
- 2013
- > Guideline Note 09 Help and Redress for Financial Consumers
- > Guideline Note 08 National Financial Education Strategies
- > Guideline Note 07 Sales and Marketing Practices
- > Guideline Note 06 -Transparency and Disclosure



- Policy Note Formalizing microsaving: A tiered approach to regulating intermediation
- Policy Note Consumer protection: Leveling the playing field in financial inclusion

PEER REVIEWS

- > Bank of Uganda Financial Literacy Strategy
- National Bank of Tajikistan Disclosure for Credit Institutions
- Papua New Guinea Financial Consumer Protection Framework
- Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan Guidelines for Financial Consumer Protection
- Central Bank of Seychelles Consumer Protection Regulation
- > Royal Monetary Authority of Bhutan National Financial Education/ Literacy Strategy
- Banque de la République du Burundi
 Consumer Protection Regulation
- > Bank of Sierra Leone National Financial Education/ Literacy Strategy
- SBS Peru
 Help and redress mechanisms
 (alternative dispute resolution)
- Central Bank of Armenia
 Help and redress mechanisms
 (alternative dispute resolution)
- Ministry of Finance Swaziland National financial education/literacy strategies
- > Banco de la República de Colombia National financial education/literacy strategies and help and redress mechanisms (alternative dispute resolution
- West African Economic and Monetary Union (WAEMU) National financial education/literacy strategies
- National Bank of the Republic of Belarus National financial education/literacy strategies
- Central Bank of Kenya
 Consumer protection guideline

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- Bank of Ghana
- > Banque Centrale de la Republique de Guinée
- Comisión Nacional de Bancos y Seguros de Honduras
- > Central Bank of Jordan
- Central Bank of Kenya
- Central Bank of Lesotho
- Central Bank of Liberia
- > Reserve Bank of Malawi
- > Bank Negara Malaysia
- Maldives Monetary Authority

- > Banque Centrale de Mauritanie
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- > Bank Al-Maghrib
- > Banco de Moçambique
- > Bank of Namibia
- Nepal Rastra Bank
- Central Bank of Nigeria
- > Palestine Monetary Authority
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- Bank of Tanzania
- > Bank of Thailand
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- National Reserve Bank of Tonga
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- Reserve Bank of Vanuatu
- > Bank of Zambia
- Ministry of Finance Zambia
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