



PROPELLING WOMEN OUT OF POVERTY THROUGH FINANCIAL INCLUSION

October 29, 2015

Event Details

Date: Thursday, October 29

Time: 5pm – 6pm, Networking;
6pm – 7pm program

Location: 150 S. Wacker, 10th floor

Cost: \$20

Simona Haiduc will provide insight into the ability of micro-lending to have a significant impact on the lives of women, men, children, and their communities. Since 1971, Opportunity International has provided over \$9 billion in loans to create and expand businesses in developing nations worldwide.

Opportunity International is a global nonprofit organization that helps people in developing nations work their way out of poverty, transform their lives and strengthen their families and communities. Founded in 1971, the organization has provided more than \$9 billion in loans to help clients launch and expand businesses, provide for their children and create jobs in their communities. In addition to loans, Opportunity International offers savings programs, insurance and other financial services and training in 28 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe. The U.S. headquarters of Opportunity International are in Chicago, with other key offices in Australia, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Singapore, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. Opportunity International is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and serves all people regardless of race, religion, ethnicity or gender.

Simona Haiduc, VP of International Business Development, Opportunity International –

As Vice President of International Business Development, Simona oversees IBD's Program and Knowledge Management teams. In this role she supervises the planning, funds placement and management, monitoring/evaluation process and learning agendas for major grants from private and technical donors. Simona also manages relationships and builds business development strategies with strategic government agencies, multilateral donor institutions, corporations and large foundations including the Gates Foundation, the MasterCard Foundation, Credit Suisse, John Deere, Visa, Cisco, MetLife, USAID and UNCDF. Prior to joining Opportunity in 2003, Simona managed the microcredit program for the Open Society/Soros Foundation in Romania. She holds an M.Sc. in Management of International Organizations from New York University.

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