



MasterCard Foundation Scholarships

In the spirit of fostering a diverse learning environment, Oxfam America is pleased to announce that the MasterCard Foundation will award partial scholarships for travel to the SG 2013 Savings Groups Conference. Interested individuals are encouraged to apply as soon as possible. A passport is required. MasterCard Foundation

Savings Groups

Savings Groups (SGs) provide access to basic financial services to over six million rural poor people, mostly women, worldwide. These self-selected and self-managed groups, predominately found in remote areas of

possible, especially if a visa is required. **we strongly encourage women to apply.**

How to qualify for the scholarship. Applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be considered a delegate or speaker from Africa
- Be considered a speaker from Latin America or Asia
- Have at least two years of experience working with Savings Groups or in microfinance, central banking, regulatory agencies, or a related field
- Have limited access to financial resources to pay for all expenses required to attend the conference

Visit the conference website to [apply for the MasterCard Foundation Scholarships](#) or for more information.

CGAP Partners with SG 2013

We are excited to announce that **CGAP is a partner of the SG 2013 Conference**. CGAP is an independent policy and research center dedicated to advancing financial access for the world's poor. It is supported by over 30 development agencies and private foundations who share a common mission to alleviate poverty. Housed at the World Bank, CGAP provides market intelligence, promotes standards, develops innovative solutions and offers advisory services to governments, financial service providers, donors, and investors. Their support is instrumental in making the conference a success.

For more information about CGAP, visit their [website](#).

Sub-Saharan Africa, Asia, and Central America, provide their members with a secure place to save and easy access to loans.

SG 2013 Conference

The SG 2013 Savings Groups conference will demonstrate to a broad community of stakeholders that Savings Groups are an effective and complementary approach to financial inclusion and development.

Conference Attendees

The conference will gather foundations, corporations, bilateral and multilateral agencies, financial institutions, microfinance institutions (MFIs), central banks, academic institutions, policy and research institutions, international nongovernmental organizations (INGOs), and local nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

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