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Time: 12.15 p.m. - 1.30 p.m.

Venue: Seminar Room 3-1, Level 3
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The Value of Micro-credit

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Sanjay Sinha is the Founder & Managing Director of Micro-Credit Ratings International Limited (M-CRIL) – a company established to carry out professional assessments (ratings) of micro-finance institutions (MFIs) and provide research and other services designed to promote the investment flows into micro-finance. He has 30 years of economic and development research experience in South and Southeast Asia. In addition to his micro-finance focus, he has specialised in sub-sector analysis of activities relevant to the livelihoods of poor people, micro-enterprise promotion and business development strategy. Most recently he led the M-CRIL team that undertook the India country case study for the joint International Association of Insurance Supervisors-Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP) project on micro-insurance regulation.

Sanjay Sinha has an M.Phil. in Economics from Oxford University, UK. In 1983, he co-founded EDA Rural Systems, which is one of the premier development consulting companies in Asia. He is currently a Member of the UN Advisors Group on Inclusive Financial Sectors.

SYNOPSIS

Micro-Credit Ratings International Limited (M-CRIL) was established to facilitate the flow of funds into micro-finance. Over the past 10 years M-CRIL has undertaken nearly 600 ratings of some 330 MFIs in 32 countries across Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe. The talk will focus on the thinking behind M-CRIL, its methodology for rating MFIs, the impact of rating on the growth of micro-finance, and emerging trends in the micro-finance sector in Asia and India.