IGNITING INNOVATION IN FINANCIAL ACCESS: PUBLIC AND PRIVATE APPROACHES FOR GREATER ACCESS BY 2020

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During a dynamic dialogue with the World Bank President Dr. Kim, the UNSGSA welcomed the World Bank Group's target of universal access to financial services by 2020, and said that this is now within reach, especially if more private sector partnerships can be forged to encourage scalable digital solutions. Inclusive finance can accelerate progress toward economic growth and poverty alleviation, and should be included in the post-2015 development agenda. The UNSGSA encouraged coordination across sectors, and for partners to invest in the 'global goods' needed by all countries to enable their inclusive finance ambitions, including better data, best practice knowledge sharing.

The full transcript of the speech will be posted shortly.

In the meantime, please visit the World Bank website to see the video of the speech.