



**IRAQ NATIONAL MICROFINANCE SUMMIT**  
**Erbil, November 13-16, 2006**

**Session 5**

**Panel: “Funding and Managing Growth”**

Donors and experts discussed sources of funding through current and future projects; uses, restrictions, and coordination on such funding; and practitioner strategies for growth.

Participating organizations included:

- USAID / Iraq / Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade section, discussing current USAID support to microfinance and private sector development in Iraq and future directions.
- The World Bank, Private Sector Development section, discussing current and future trends in World Bank private sector development support in Iraq.
- Baghdad Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT), discussing the role of the Provincial Reconstruction Teams in supporting microfinance as an economic development strategy and lessons drawn from the US Small Business Administration program.
- USAID / Iraq / Community Stabilization Program, presenting an overview of the Community Stabilization Program and the potential for expanding access to microfinance through linkages with the Iraqi banking sector.
- Iraqi Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs and the USAID / Iraq Economic Governance II Project, discussing scenarios for micro-credit or micro-grant programs.

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