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SPBD NETWORK GATHERS ITS TOP MICROFINANCE EXECUTIVES FOR CONFAB

The South Pacific Business Development (SPBD) Microfinance network – the biggest and the most successful microfinance network in the South Pacific Region will hold its first executive management conference at Daku Resort Hotel in Savusavu on 8th to 11th of October.

The conference will discuss new products and new customer segments, delivering social impact, leveraging technology and improvement of its operations and standards. The conference will equip SPBD's top executives to steer the network to be the leading microfinance organization in the region.

This will be participated by the SPBD Founder and President, Mr. Gregory Casagrande and all the General Managers of SPBD country operations in Samoa, Tonga, Fiji and Solomon Islands. Also attending will be the Chief Operating Officer of Microdreams Foundation, Polly Kelekis, Chief Finance Officer of Transformative Ventures, James Vanreusel and SPBD's Special Advisor, Gaamaa Hishigsuren.

SPBD has been providing unsecured loans, personalised savings facilities, affordable life insurance, business training and community organizing to more than 20,000 women in the South Pacific Region. It has blazed the trail of establishing unsubsidised Greenfield microfinance operations in the region and has earned recognition from different parts of the world for its efforts to uplift the conditions of the women.

Right after the conference the SPBD Branch Office in Savusavu will also be officially be opened.

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