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Name	Location/ Language	Organization	Thematic Area	Topic Area (keywords)
<b>Africa (Region of Work)</b>				
<b>Abdulkadir Evarah</b>	Nigeria	<b>Dual Land Reclamation Initiative</b>	Property rights	Land ownership
<a href="http://www.changemakers.com/node/88481">http://www.changemakers.com/node/88481</a>		Unusable land can become an asset for the landless by imagining new uses for unused and unclaimed property. The Dual Land Reclamation Initiative works to fill the useless pits resulting from indiscriminate mining with mountains of garbage, using the resulting land to provide land for the landless.		
<b>Agnes Dasewicz, CEO</b>	United States/ English	<b>Grassroots Business Fund</b>	Indigenous-led SMEs	Finance, capital & tech assistance to SMEs
<a href="http://www.gbfund.org/">http://www.gbfund.org/</a>		If organizations like GBF do not create jobs through SMEs in local, emerging economies, then large corporations and governments are going to face political, economic, and environmental risks. Building a middle class in developing countries will create political stabilities and build markets for U.S. corporations to grow their own businesses.		
<b>Anne Habiby, Co-Founder</b>	United States/ English	<b>AllWorld Network</b>	Women-led SMEs	Entrepreneurship, investment
<a href="http://www.allworldlive.com">www.allworldlive.com</a>		Women entrepreneurs often know from experience how challenging it is to get attention and respect. AllWorld Network aims to fill an “information gap,” by identifying and vetting growing companies around the world that are not on investors’ radar and promoting them heavily on the Internet to get them noticed.		
<b>Bert van der Vaart, President &amp; CEO</b>	United States/ English	<b>Small Enterprise Assistance Funds</b>	Social Financing	Growth capital, operational support, emerging economies
<a href="http://www.seaf.com/">http://www.seaf.com/</a>		SMEs generate employment at a high rate, and as they tend to hire unskilled or semi-skilled workers and provide valuable training, SMEs make employment sustainable and result in significant annual wage increases. Such stable employment provides hope and opportunity for many, and also generates highly needed tax revenues for governments facing the important tasks of providing infrastructure, education, and health for their citizens.		
<b>Chidi Onwuchekwa</b>	Nigeria/ English	<b>Green Energy Project</b>	Green SMEs	Green technology for SMEs; financing access to products
<a href="http://noetico360.org/default.aspx">http://noetico360.org/default.aspx</a>		The Green Energy Project researches energy-efficient information & communications technology and renewable energy systems, and provides these as a complete green enterprise solution for SMEs. The goal is to help dying businesses survive high energy cost by providing energy efficient alternatives and facilitating financing routes for them to afford these products.		

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<b>David Stevens</b> <i>CEO of Affinity Microfinance</i>	Africa/ English	<b>R4D</b>	Economic Recovery	Finance, capital
<a href="http://www.resultsfordevelopment.org/">http://www.resultsfordevelopment.org/</a>		The world's poorest countries are suffering from a sharp reduction in donor aid in the wake of the global economic crisis (up to 25% less in 2011), but they are also awakening to their own untapped resources. R4D issues local currency, guaranteed development bonds to unlock this enormous amount of unutilized capital for SMEs and simultaneously reduce reliance on foreign aid and their exposure to foreign currency risk.		
<b>Harold Rosen,</b> <i>Executive Director</i>	Kenya/ English	<b>Grassroots Business Fund</b>	Social Financing	Agriculture, SMEs, long-term asset financing
<a href="http://www.gbfund.org/">http://www.gbfund.org/</a>		When the informality or lack of collateral of small and medium-sized enterprises makes them generally ineligible for traditional banking, one option is to develop financing products at non-bank institutions with a stake in local SME growth. The East African Rural Enterprise Facility has partnered with a regional farm equipment company to create long-term loan products for a severely underserved segment of the SME space: rural enterprises unable to secure affordable equipment financing.		
<b>Katherine Lucey,</b> <i>Founder</i>	Uganda/ English	<b>Solar Sisters</b>	Green SMEs	Women empowerment, technology, energy
<a href="http://www.solarsister.org">http://www.solarsister.org</a>		Solar Sisters employs rural Ugandan women to sell solar powered LED lamps for residential use. This SME has increase women's employment and earning power while also reducing dependence on polluting and inefficient forms of lighting.		
<b>Leticia Brenyah,</b> <i>Founder</i>	Ghana/ English	<b>P.A.L.M.S.</b>	Women-led SMEs	Women empowerment, technology
<a href="http://www.cvsighana.com">www.cvsighana.com</a>		Women-led SMEs can change gender norms in their communities. P.A.L.M.S., which trains women to use technologies that have been traditionally employed exclusively by men, has allowed women to work more efficiently and be more productive, thereby giving women more time and freedom to pursue other interests.		
<b>Lonlon Tepka</b>	Ghana/ English	<b>SME Records Bank</b>	Green SMEs	Access to funds, financial credibility, technology, SME
<a href="http://www.changemakers.com/node/86802">http://www.changemakers.com/node/86802</a>		The lack of good records management by many African businesses has prevented sound growth and quick access to funds, and resulted in poor credit ratings and a perception of a risky environment for investors. The SME Records Bank Project is rolling out a cloud computing platform across Ghana (with possible adaption in all developing nations) that will facilitate proper records management for businesses with special emphasis on SMEs		

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<b>Lynn Pikholtz,</b> <i>President</i>	South Africa/ English	<b>ShoreCap Exchange</b>	Women-led SMEs	Finance, poverty alleviation
<a href="http://www.shorecapexchange.org/president-letter">http://www.shorecapexchange.org/president-letter</a>		Unlike many funds which invest in financial institutions in developing economies, the ShoreCap model focuses areas in the world with the greatest need, Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia, which have received the least investment/capital with finance. ShoreCap combines complementary vehicles to create dramatic increases in the scale of small business finance: equity, governance (one of the biggest sources of weakness and risk in many markets), advisory services and peer networking.		
<b>Simon Merchant,</b> <i>CEO</i>	United Kingdom/ English	<b>Jacana</b>	Social Financing	Poverty, venture capital fund, seed funding
<a href="http://www.jacana.org/">http://www.jacana.org/</a>		Jacana Venture Partnership provides early-stage investment and expertise to help partners grow, reducing risk for public and private sector investors, and maximizing social impact through job creation. Jacana has worked with their Kenyan partner fund manager to develop a detailed social impact plan with a local stone mining company, including specific targets on pay and work conditions, health and safety, and environmental issues.		
<b>Thierry Sanders,</b> <i>Founder &amp; Director</i>	The Netherlands/ English	<b>BiD Network</b>	Economic development, finance	Entrepreneurship, online communities
<a href="http://www.bidnetwork.org/">http://www.bidnetwork.org/</a>		Developing world business owners need no longer operate in isolation. BiD Network's 35,000 member online SME platform connects entrepreneurs, investors, and business mentors worldwide.		
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<b>Asia (Region of Work)</b>				
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<a href="http://www.allworldlive.com">www.allworldlive.com</a>		Entrepreneurs have keen insights into how to highlight the work of other entrepreneurs struggling to be noticed by investors. The AllWorldNetwork drives high investment to high-potential SMEs by promoting them heavily on the Internet with the goal of advancing the growth of every entrepreneur in the emerging world and to create one million jobs globally by 2015.		
<b>Chetna Singha</b> , <i>Founder/ Chairperson</i>	India/ English	<b>Mann Deshi Mahila Bank</b>	Women-Led SME, Social Financing	Finance, poverty alleviation, Women's empowerment
<a href="http://www.manndeshi.org/">http://www.manndeshi.org/</a>		The Mann Deshi Mahila Bank provides women in impoverished rural areas of India with an innovative combination of financial and non-financial services to improve their standard of living and guide them toward financial freedom. Since 1997, this cooperative bank has been operated by and for women, helping milk vendors, craft workers, and entrepreneurs start businesses, stay healthy, and save for the future.		
<b>Hyun Bok Lee</b>	Korea/ English	<b>INNOBIZ Loans</b>	Green SMEs	High tech, rating system
<a href="http://www.innobiz-env.com">http://www.innobiz-env.com</a>		Pro-environment businesses are not anti-technology. INNOBIZ Loans taps into advanced technology as an alternative to credit ratings and collateral. By using a sophisticated rating system to assess a technology's chances for success, INNOBIZ Loans hopes to shift the conversation about investment risk away from an SMEs finances and toward the power of the innovation itself.		
<b>Agnes Dasewicz</b> , <i>CEO</i>	United States/ English	<b>Grassroots Business Fund</b>	Indigenous-led SMEs	Finance, capital & tech assistance to SMEs
<a href="http://www.gbfund.org/">http://www.gbfund.org/</a>		SMEs are too big for microfinance yet too small for the traditional capital markets, falling right through the cracks of many financing options. SMEs often lack management skills, tools, governance, and financial planning expertise to develop well-managed, financially sustainable business operations. GBF addresses this with patient capital and technical assistance, resulting in sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction.		
<b>Upmanyu Patil</b> , <i>Founder</i>	India/ English	<b>The Society for the Promotion of Area Resource Centers (SPARC)</b>	Housing	Housing, women, entrepreneurial training and job creation
<a href="http://www.sparcindia.org">www.sparcindia.org</a>		In 2008, the world's urban population surpassed its rural population for the first time in history. Over a billion people, one out of every three city dwellers, live in a slum. In Mumbai alone, around 7 million people, or nearly half of the city's population, live in slums. SPARC is one of the largest Indian nonprofits working to address develop solutions that work for the poorest and most marginalized in Mumbai.		
<b>Sikha Roy</b> , <i>Founder</i>	India/ Bengali, Urdu	<b>Srreoshi</b>	Property rights	Land ownership, women empowerment, income generation

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<a href="http://www.ashoka.org/fellow/2630">http://www.ashoka.org/fellow/2630</a>		In developing countries, women produce 60-80% of the food and own less than 5% of the land. If women had the same access to land that men do, agricultural productivity would increase by 20%. Sikha Roy is organizing women who are daily-wage earners to exercise a legal right over unused land and then to farm it. With produce of their own, the women can feed their families, escape the abuses they are exposed to as laborers, and stay close to their children and loved ones.		
<b>Bert van der Vaart,</b> <i>President &amp; CEO</i>	United States/ English	<b>Small Enterprise Assistance Funds</b>	Social Financing	Growth capital, operational support, emerging economies
<a href="http://www.seaf.com/">http://www.seaf.com/</a>		SEAF targets local enterprises with high growth potential in globally untapped markets. Making its first investments in Central and Eastern Europe following the fall of the Berlin Wall, today SEAF invests over 30 countries around the world through an international network of 19 offices in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Asia.		
<b>Darin Gunesequera</b>	Sri Lanka	<b>Stock Exchange Market</b>	Property rights	Housing
<a href="http://www.ashoka.org/node/3963">http://www.ashoka.org/node/3963</a>		Property rights are a highly emotive, politically charged, and multi-faceted issue. With a problem so deeply tied to policy and access to capital, the financial system must be a part of the solution. The Stock Exchange Market offers slum dwellers the opportunity to trade in the land they occupy and then choose from new apartments available, making them proud and responsible homeowners		
<b>Harold Rosen,</b> <i>Executive Director</i>	Kenya/ English	<b>Grassroots Business Fund</b>	Social Financing	Agriculture, SMEs, long-term asset financing
<a href="http://www.gbfund.org/">http://www.gbfund.org/</a>		To date, GBF has invested about \$1.6 million in seven high impact businesses in Asia, including a more innovative model for development called "Social Entrepreneur Indonesia (SEI)". SEI is an Angel Club that several prominent Indonesian business leaders formed to not only provide much-needed finance to Indonesian start-ups and microenterprises, but also Angel mentorships to provide new entrepreneurs with expertise from their own experiences.		
<b>Ross Baird,</b> <i>Program Director</i>	United States/ English	<b>Village Capital</b>	Social Financing	Microfinance, angel investing, funds to scale
<a href="http://www.vilcap.com/">http://www.vilcap.com/</a>		Collective decision-making among groups of business owners has been a key success of micro-finance, but is not typically applied to SMEs. Inspired by this model, Village Capital works with entrepreneurs to learn investment techniques in a peer support program and select the most investment-ready in the group. Village Capital recently used this method to invest in a salt production company in Gujarat, India that is majority-owned by the salt producers, and increased the income of the workers by 600% over the past three years.		
<b>Thierry Sanders,</b> <i>Founder &amp; Director</i>	The Netherlands/ English	<b>BiD Network</b>	Economic development, finance	Entrepreneurship, online communities

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<b>Vineet Rai,</b> <i>Founder and CEO</i>	India/ English	<b>Aavishkaar Venture Management Services</b>	Social Financing	Finance, micro-credit, entrepreneurship
<a href="http://www.aavishkaar.in/">http://www.aavishkaar.in/</a>		Local innovators tend to be good stewards of their environment and communities. Aavishkaar Venture Management Services in India works with private and government entities to solicit investment proposals for ventures that benefit the rural people and economies of India in a socially conscious, environmentally friendly and commercially viable manner.		
<b>Europe (Region of Work)</b>				
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<a href="http://www.seaf.com/">http://www.seaf.com/</a>		SEAF targets local enterprises with high growth potential in globally untapped markets. Making its first investments in Central and Eastern Europe following the fall of the Berlin Wall, today SEAF invests over 30 countries around the world through an international network of 19 offices in Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, and Asia. SEAF's roots in Central and Eastern Europe make that historic connection particularly strong.		
<b>Michael Benedict,</b> <i>Financial Advisor</i>	United States/ English	<b>E+Co</b>	Green SMEs	Investment, energy
<a href="http://eandco.net/">http://eandco.net/</a>		Forward-thinking investors are proving that cleaner energy in developing countries is a sound investment. E+Co has garnered an average 8.7 percent return for investors while reducing 4.6 million tons of carbon. The fund's successes around the world prove that job growth, economic stability and environmental stewardship can thrive with a concerted effort to support SMEs.		
<b>Latin America (Region of Work)</b>				
<b>Agnes Dasewicz,</b> <i>CEO</i>	United States/ English	<b>Grassroots Business Fund</b>	Indigenous-led SMEs	Finance, capital & tech assistance to SMEs
<a href="http://www.gbfund.org/">http://www.gbfund.org/</a>		Addresses the huge economic gap between the upper class and indigenous populations in Latin America. "When indigenous people are left behind, it becomes dangerous for a country's political stability." – Agnes Dasewicz		
<b>Andre Albuquerque</b>	Brazil/ Portuguese	<b>Terra Nova</b>	Property rights	Land ownership, community development

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<a href="http://www.grupoterranova.com.br/">http://www.grupoterranova.com.br/</a>	Resolves conflicts between landowners and squatters in Brazil's major cities.
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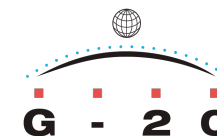


<b>Ben Powell,</b> <i>Founder &amp; Managing Partner</i>	United States/ English	<b>Agora Partnerships</b>	Social Financing	Financial intermediaries, funding and support for early and growth stage entrepreneurs
<a href="http://www.agorapartnerships.org/">http://www.agorapartnerships.org/</a>		Invests in SMEs in the developing world and matches small business owners with MBA students who offer low-cost consulting services.		
<b>Brent Kopperon,</b> <i>Founder</i>	Haiti/ English	<b>Repower Haiti</b>	Green SMEs, Post-Disaster	Energy, infrastructure, post-disaster rebuilding
<a href="http://www.windfallcentre.ca/">http://www.windfallcentre.ca/</a>		Offers contracts to renewable energy startups and SMEs in Haiti, thus repairing the power grid, creating jobs, and supporting the businesses that will rebuild Haiti's economy.		
<b>Carine Laroche,</b> <i>CEO</i>	Haiti/ English	<b>Fonkoze</b>	Women-Led SMEs, post disaster relief	Finance, poverty alleviation, Women's empowerment
<a href="http://www.fonkoze.org/">http://www.fonkoze.org/</a>		The largest micro-finance institution in Haiti offering a full range of financial services to the rural-based poor.		
<b>Catalina Cock Duque,</b> <i>Founder</i>	Columbia/ English, Spanish	<b>Corporacion Oro Verde Fundacion Amigos del Choco</b>	Green SMEs	Sustainable mining, employment
<a href="http://www.greengold-oroverde.org/ingles/miembros_ing.html">http://www.greengold-oroverde.org/ingles/miembros_ing.html</a>		Leases land from indigenous people in Choco, Columbia and employs them in work mining gold in a more environmentally friendly way than large mining companies.		
<b>Celeste Bustero,</b>	Argentina/ Spanish	<b>Fundación ProVivienda</b>	Housing	Housing, energy, infrastructure
<a href="http://www.fpvs.org">www.fpvs.org</a>		Works in the slums of Buenos Aires to address the challenges of social inclusion, poverty and lack of basic infrastructure. Its natural gas service network now serves 3,000 poor families that previously lacked access to even the most basic utilities.		

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<b>Douglas McMeekin,</b> <i>Founder</i>	Ecuador/ English, Spanish	<b>Yachana Geotourism Lodge and School</b>	Indigenous-led SMEs	Sustainability through job creation and education
<a href="http://www.yachana.com/">http://www.yachana.com/</a>		A regional boarding school in the Amazon, with 80% indigenous students. "If incomes in these communities aren't increased, rainforests don't have much of a future," said Founder Douglas McMeekin.		
<b>Francisco Samonek,</b> <i>Founder</i>	Brazil/ Portuguese	<b>Poloprobio (Polo de Proteção da Biodiversidade e Uso Sustentável dos Recursos Naturais)</b>	Indigenous-led SMEs	Sustainability, biodiversity, economic growth
<a href="http://www.changemakers.com/node/80484">http://www.changemakers.com/node/80484</a>		Poloprobio taps into the skills and traditions of indigenous Brazilian rubber harvesters to create a modern, sustainable latex production operation that keeps the economic power squarely in the hands of the local Amazonian population.		
<b>Harold Rosen,</b> <i>Executive Director</i>	Kenya/ English	<b>Grassroots Business Fund</b>	Social Financing	Agriculture, SMEs, long-term asset financing
<a href="http://www.gbfund.org/">http://www.gbfund.org/</a>		Harold Rosen is GBF's executive director and was formerly director of the World Bank/International Finance Corporation (IFC) department for small and medium enterprises. GBF builds and supports High Impact Businesses that provide sustainable economic opportunities to millions of people at the base of the economic pyramid.		
<b>Raquel Barros,</b> <i>Founder</i>	Brazil/ English, Portuguese	<b>Lua Nova</b>	Women-led SMEs, Housing	Housing, Women empowerment
<a href="http://www.luanova.org.br">www.luanova.org.br</a>		Builds homes and repairs the self-esteem of the poorest women in Sao Paulo. Confident women become self-reliant and active members of society. Their inclusion breaks the cycle of poverty and family violence, and strengthens community ties.		
<b>Thierry Sanders,</b> <i>Founder &amp; Director</i>	The Netherlands/ English	<b>BiD Network</b>	Economic development, finance	Entrepreneurship, online communities
<a href="http://www.bidnetwork.org/">http://www.bidnetwork.org/</a>		BiD Network's current online SME platform with 35,000 members is the world's largest. BiD is a multi-community Web platform that brings together entrepreneurs, investors and coaches. Entrepreneurs need faster and simpler service with better access to local peers, coaches and business angel groups. Investment syndication and GSM mobile apps for low internet areas are part of this effort.		

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<a href="http://www.rootcapital.org/">http://www.rootcapital.org/</a>		An investment fund that uses the fixed-price forward contracts between small product suppliers and their purchasers as loan collateral.		
<b>Middle East and North Africa (Region of Work)</b>				
<b>Roshaneh Zafar,</b> <i>Founder</i>	Pakistan	<b>Kashf Foundation</b>	Women-led SMEs	Finance, poverty alleviation
<a href="http://www.kashf.org">http://www.kashf.org</a>		The second-largest micro-lending institution in Pakistan with over 300,000 women customers. A new SME financing program is underway.		
<b>Lana Hijazi,</b> <i>Founder</i>	Palestine	<b>Souktel</b>	Women-led SMEs	Women empowerment, technology, employment
<a href="http://www.souktel.org/">http://www.souktel.org/</a>		A mobile SMS job matching service in Palestine designed to empower women with employment opportunities.		
<b>Sabiha Shah,</b> <i>Founder</i>	Pakistan	<b>Global Studies</b>	Post-Disaster	Women empowerment, skill training
<a href="http://www.changemakers.com/node/74675">http://www.changemakers.com/node/74675</a>		An investment fund that uses the fixed-price forward contracts between small product suppliers and their purchasers as loan collateral.		
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<b>Bailey Klinger,</b> <i>Co-Founder &amp; Director</i>	United States/ English	<b>Entrepreneurial Finance Lab (EFL)</b>	Access to finance for SMEs, risk evaluation and screening	Entrepreneurship, credit
<a href="http://www.hks.harvard.edu/centers/cid/programs/entrepreneurial-finance-lab-research-initiative">http://www.hks.harvard.edu/centers/cid/programs/entrepreneurial-finance-lab-research-initiative</a>		Predicts credit risk by using psychometric technology – assessing an entrepreneur’s fundamental intellectual and psychological characteristics.		
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<a href="http://www.agorapartnerships.org/">http://www.agorapartnerships.org/</a>		Invests in SMEs in the developing world and matches small business owners with MBA students who offer low-cost consulting services.		
<b>Donna Childs,</b> <i>Founder</i>	United States/ English	<b>Donna Childs, Inc.</b>	Women-Led SMEs, post disaster relief	Finance
<a href="http://www.preparedsmallbusiness.com">www.preparedsmallbusiness.com</a>		Helps small businesses withstand major and minor disasters.		
<b>Donna Young,</b> <i>Senior Consultant and Owner</i>	Canada/ English	<b>Antler River Associate</b>	Indigenous-led SMEs	Business services and support to First Nations & schools
<a href="http://www.antlerriver.ca/">http://www.antlerriver.ca/</a>		Promotes the inclusion of First Nation perspectives, curriculum content and programs into education systems and schools.		
<b>Elizabeth Hauser,</b> <i>Founder</i>	Haiti/ English	<b>University of Ottawa</b>	Post-Disaster	Housing
<a href="http://www.buildchange.org/">http://www.buildchange.org/</a>		Engages local homeowners, engineers and contractors in areas affected by natural disasters to get new homes built safely.		

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<a href="http://eandco.net/">http://eandco.net/</a>		Forward-thinking investors are proving that cleaner energy in developing countries is a sound investment. E+Co has garnered an average 8.7 percent return for investors while reducing 4.6 million tons of carbon. The fund's successes around the world prove that job growth, economic stability and environmental stewardship can thrive with a concerted effort to support SMEs.		
<b>Michael Hokenson,</b> <i>Managing Director</i>	United States/ English	<b>Minlam Asset Management LLC</b>	Indigenous-led SMEs, Economic Recovery	Finance, capital
<a href="http://www.minlam.com/">http://www.minlam.com/</a>		Channels private institutional capital to SME lenders via local currency loans.		
<b>Philippe Regnier,</b> <i>Professor</i>	Canada/ English	<b>School of International Development and</b>	Post-Disaster	Private sector and development finance
<a href="http://www.socialsciences.uottawa.ca/edim/eng/p/rofdetails.asp?id=480">http://www.socialsciences.uottawa.ca/edim/eng/p/rofdetails.asp?id=480</a>		Philippe Regnier is an expert in post-disaster SME support and has studied the factors affecting SME resilience and solutions to improve their survival in the most challenging of circumstances.		
<b>Randall Kempner,</b> <i>Executive Director</i>	United States/ English	<b>Aspen Network of Development Entrepreneurs</b>	Social Financing	Access to capital and technical/business assistance, developing countries
<a href="http://www.aspeninstitute.org/policy-work/aspen-network-development-entrepreneurs">http://www.aspeninstitute.org/policy-work/aspen-network-development-entrepreneurs</a>		A global network of organizations that propel entrepreneurship in emerging markets. Randall Kempner is Executive Director at ANDE and a frequent speaker on entrepreneurship-based economic development strategies.		
<b>Ross Baird,</b> <i>Program Director</i>	United States/ English	<b>Village Capital</b>	Social Financing	Microfinance, angel investing, funds to scale
<a href="http://www.vilcap.com/">http://www.vilcap.com/</a>		Collective decision-making among groups of business owners has been a key success of micro-finance, but is not typically applied to SMEs. Inspired by this model, Village Capital works with entrepreneurs to learn investment techniques in a peer support program and select the most investment-ready in the group. Village Capital recently used this method to invest in a salt production company in Gujarat, India that is majority-owned by the salt producers, and increased the income of the workers by 600% over the past three years.		
<b>Tim Draimin,</b> <i>Executive Director</i>	Canada/ English	<b>Social Innovation Generation</b>	Social Financing	Multi-sector collaboration; innovative nonprofit models, regulatory change
<a href="http://sigeneration.ca/">http://sigeneration.ca/</a>		Tim Draimin is the author of Canada's first national study of social entrepreneurship and a frequent advisor to government, as well as to non-profit associations and leaders.		