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Open convocation

The Guarantee Fund for the Province of Buenos Aires (FOGABA SAPEM) and “GARANTIZAR SGR”, along with the Ibero-American Guarantee Network (REGAR), are organizing the **XVII Ibero-American Forum on Guarantees and Financing Systems for Micro and SMEs, to be held on 25 and 26 October 2012 in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Its central topic will be “SMEs and GUARANTEES: THE RIGHT TO HAVE ACCESS TO CREDIT”**.

The Ibero-American Forum on Guarantees and Financing Systems for Micro and SMEs has been regularly held since 1996, with the support of regional organizations such as the Latin American Association for Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE), the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA), IBERAVAL SGR, the Investment Society, S.A. SPGM, and the national counterparts in charge of organizing each annual Forum.

This Forum annually convenes 400 participants from 20 Ibero-American countries, to share experiences and information, define strategies and find solutions to assist micro and SMEs, so as to make them more competitive in dealing with future challenges, with special emphasis on facilitating access to financing and public tenders through guarantee systems, in the best possible conditions.

The XVII Forum will focus on MSMEs as the relevant actors of guarantee systems and final beneficiaries from access to financing. This significant matter calls for a common vision, and for this reason, we are counting on your participation in this forum.

The event is aimed at national and international managers, administrators, leaders, representatives and specialists from: a) Guarantee Systems; b) Public and private financial and development institutions; c) Development organizations; d) Multilateral institutions; e) Universities; f) Micro, small and medium-sized entrepreneurs; g) Business directors.

In view of the experience garnered by your institution in this area, we are convening you to actively participate in this event, as we think you can make valuable contributions to the debates.

Please note that the draft agenda for the event, registration form, options for hotel accommodation and other relevant information are available at the following Web sites: www.redegarantias.com and foroargentina.redegarantias.com.

With a view to confirm your participation, we would appreciate if you could fill out the registration form in the aforementioned Web site (registration / participation in sessions is free of cost) and forward it to [Rocío González \(rocio.gonzalez@fogaba.com\)](mailto:rocio.gonzalez@fogaba.com). We have negotiated several options for hotel accommodation, including the “Hotel Hilton Buenos Aires”, which is the venue for the event, and other nearby hotels with lower rates. For hotel reservations, please get in touch with the Hotel Reservations Desk, as indicated in the aforementioned Web site.

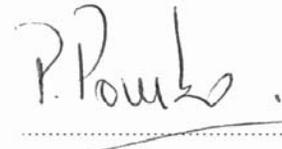
On being grateful for your participation and cooperation in this matter, we hereby convey our cordial greetings.



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