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**"Financing of Small & Medium Enterprises: Increasing SMEs' Access to Finance
in the Context of the Global Financial Crisis"
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Tehran**

8:30 - 9:00	Registration
09:00 – 09.15	Introduction Welcoming address by H.E. Dr. Mehdi Fakheri, Vice President for International Affairs-ICCIM
09:15-09:30	Speech delivered by H.E. Dr. Webster W. Kiang Director-General, Confederation Of Asia-Pacific Chambers of Commerce(CACCI)
09:30 – 09:45	Overall objective of the workshop and its scope Mr. Roger Megelas, Senior Advisor, International Trade Center (ITC)
09:45-10:00	Coffee break
Theme of Session :	Financial crisis and its impact on the SMEs
10:00-11:00	The effects of the global financial crisis on SMEs. How is this affecting SME competitiveness? How access to finance has been affected as a consequence? Current or planned actions to alleviate the effect of the crisis by state and non-state actors. Mr. Salimi, Member of Board-Karafarin Bank, representatives of ICCIM and some Iranian banks.
Theme of Session :	Current situation and main trends of access to finance for SMEs on regional or global level
11:00-12:45	Major trends in accessing finance for SMEs in the context of global recession/financial crisis. ITC's short term response in support of the SME access to finance needs Discussion with participants and Q&A Roger Megelas, Senior Advisor, International Trade Center (ITC)
12:45 – 14:00	Luncheon ,Hosted by H.E. Dr. Nahavandian President of Iran Chamber of Commerce Industries & Mines
Theme of Session :	Measures and alternatives to mitigate the worsening situation of SMEs access to finance
14:00-15:15	Role of government and business support institutions in SME financing amidst the crisis Discussion with participants and Q&A Roger Megelas, Senior Advisor, International Trade Center (ITC) and relevant Iranian Representatives
15:15-15:30	Coffee break
15:30-15:50	Role of financial institutions to mitigate the effect of the crisis and improve SMEs access to finance (Commercial Banking and Micro credit in the financial crisis context) Mr. Mohammad Ali Farzin, Programme Specialist of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),
15:50-16:10	Mr. Issa Mansouri, UNIDO National Program Officer(Title of Speech: Financing of SME's Through a Value Chain Approach)
16:10-17:00	Panel Conclusion and recommendations ICCIM, representatives of ITC, UNDP , UNIDO and Commercial Banks
17:00-	Closing remarks H.E. Dr. Mehdi Fakheri, Vice President for International Affairs-ICCIM