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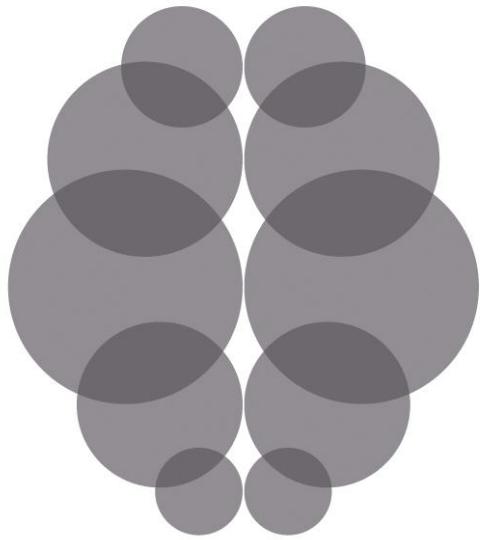
**The role and functions of the Alliance for Financial Inclusion<sup>1</sup>**

Sung-Ah Lee, Alliance for Financial Inclusion

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# Overview

1. About AFI
2. Data in policy making
3. Data in the AFI network
4. FIDWG and its approach
5. How FIDWG fits with other areas and initiatives



# Who we are

- AFI is a global network of financial sector policymakers in developing and emerging countries
- Founded in 2008, AFI focuses on peer learning and knowledge sharing among policymakers and regulators
- The goal of the AFI network is to accelerate the adoption of successful financial inclusion policy solutions

## **AFI Values**

**Inclusivity:** all partners and proven solutions are welcome

**Diversity:** unique member conditions, unique member solutions

**Demand-Driven:** action is derived from member needs and demands

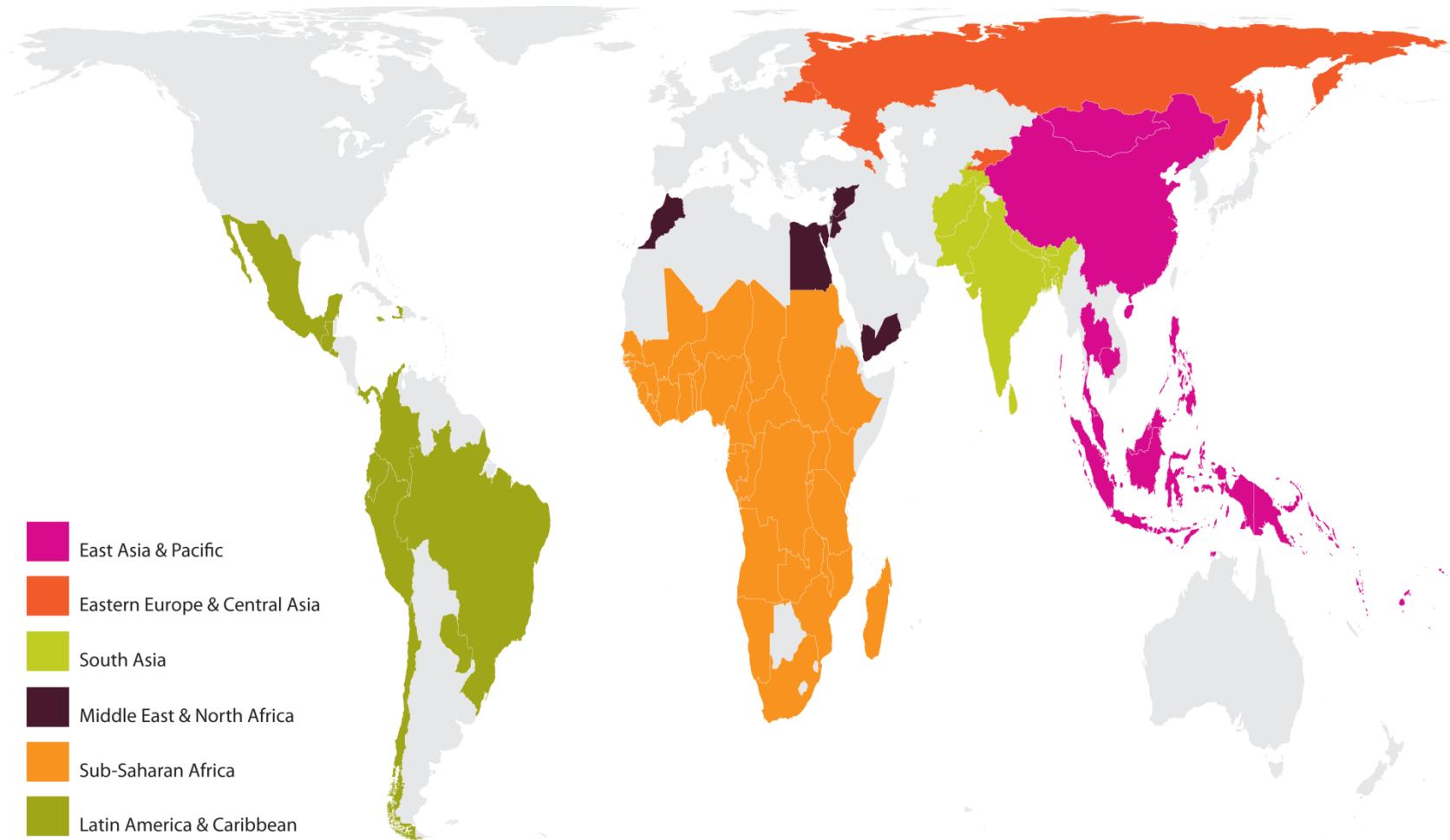
**Empowerment:** unlocking the knowledge of the AFI membership

**Ownership:** members shape and drive AFI activities

**Alignment:** actions reflect national priorities of the AFI membership

**Evidence based:** focus on practical solutions with evidence

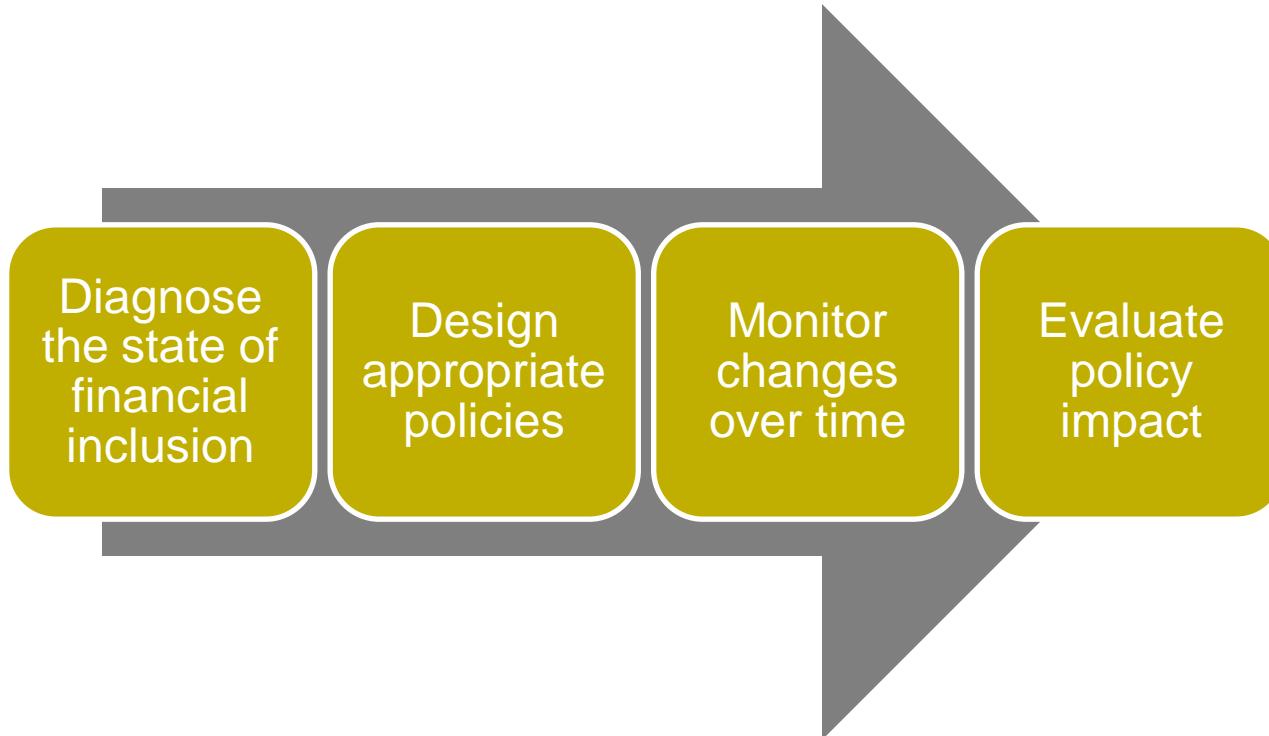
# The AFI Network Today



95 member institutions from 81 countries

# The importance of Data in the network

Data and measurement is key for evidence based policy making!



Strong demand from member institutions to discuss and learn from each other

# Financial Inclusion Data in the AFI network



It started in June 2010 at this very place...

"To provide access to financial services tailored to the needs of the population"

**Banco do Brazil**

"The process of ensuring access to financial services and timely and appropriate product to all members of the population and vulnerable groups at an affordable cost in a fair and transparent manner by the mainstream institutional players."

**Reserve Bank of India**

"Broad access to a portfolio of financial products and services which include loans, deposit services, insurance, pensions and payment systems, as well as financial education and consumer protection mechanisms"

**Superintendencia de Banca, Seguros y AFP  
(SBS) del Peru**

"Financial Inclusion refers to the access and use of a portfolio of financial products and services for the majority of adult population with clear and concise information attending the growing demand under an appropriate regulatory framework".

**National Banking Commission in Mexico**



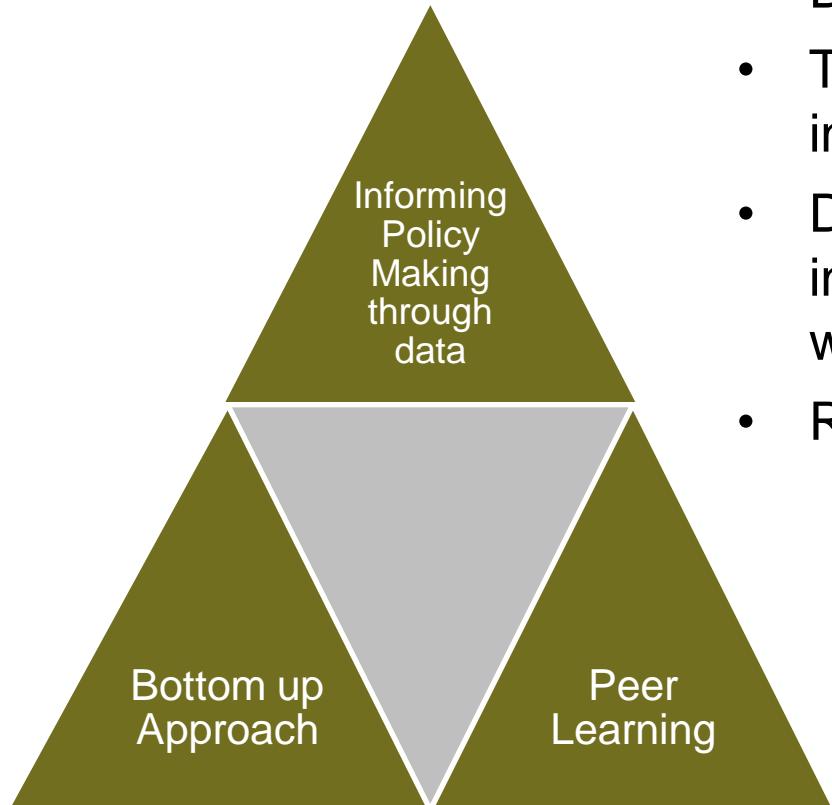
Let's agree on the elements (Access, Usage, Quality) and a common framework

## Objectives

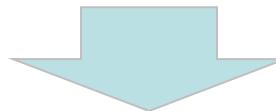
- Develop a common framework among AFI members for measuring financial inclusion
- Share lessons learned on survey methodology, analysis, target setting and usage of data to inform policymaking
- Promote the adoption of the framework in a broader international context

*The main purpose of Data in the AFI network is to inform national policy making*

# AFI's approach on Financial Inclusion Data

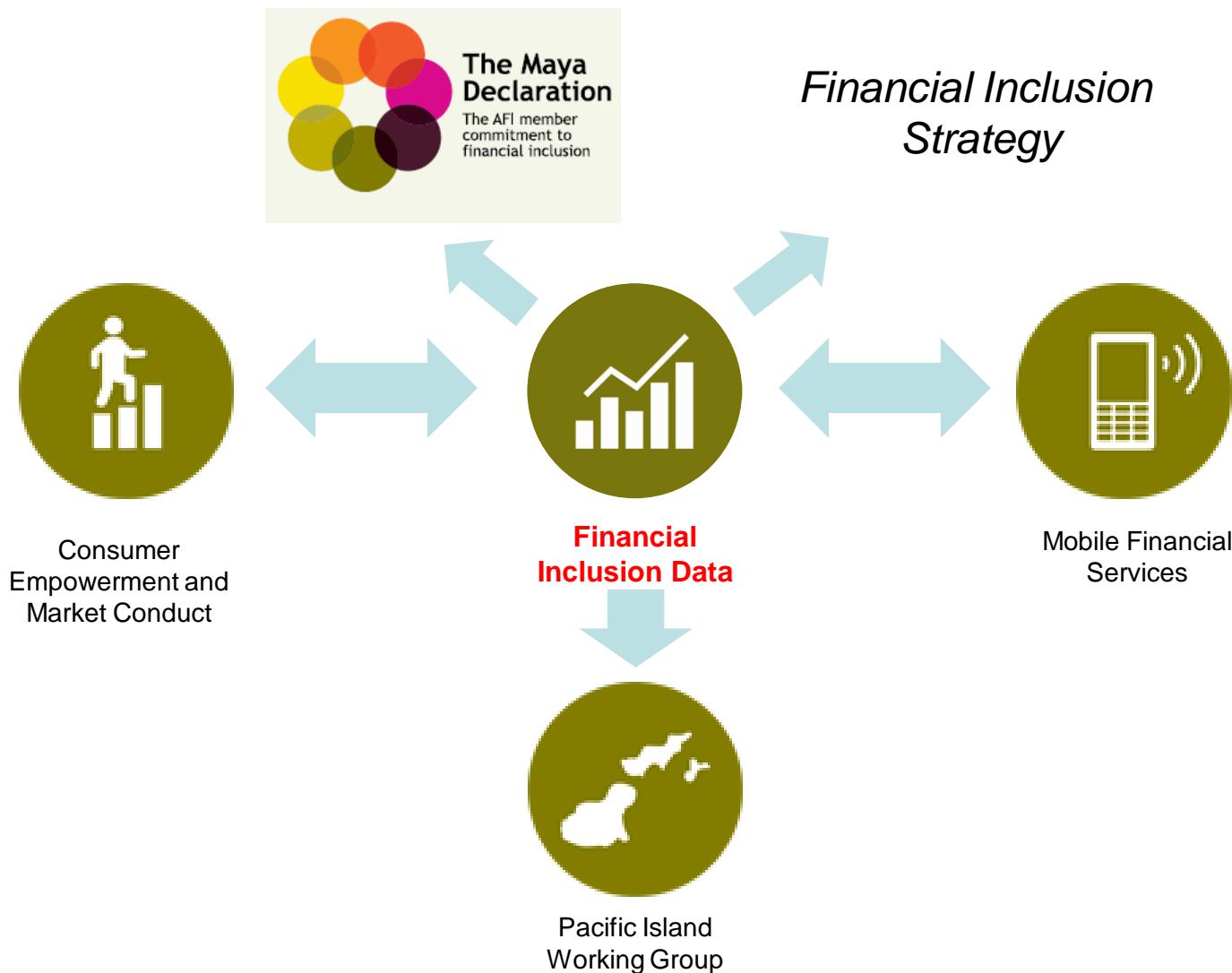


- Develop technical capacity in countries
- Testing new (second generation) indicators in practice
- Develop/ choose indicators that best inform each countries policy making while keeping consistency
- Resist global target setting



Each country is able to collect and monitor their own comprehensive FI indicators

# FIDWG in the broader network



## AFI Data Working Group and GPFI

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### *G-20's Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion (GPFI)*

- Recognized data as a priority
- Created a subgroup on Data & Measurement
- AFI's Data Working Group is represented in the Subgroup through Mexico, Brazil, South Africa, and AFI
- The Core Set of indicators have been adopted by the GPFI and was the basis for the GPFI Basic set of indicators
- Close collaboration on quality indicators

# Thank you

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