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Opportunity International's Dennis Ripley to Present Keynote at Penn Microfinance Conference

OAK BROOK, Ill. – March 25, 2015 – Dennis Ripley, Chief Business Development Officer of Opportunity International, will deliver the keynote address at the 9th Annual Penn Microfinance Conference March 28, at the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

As Chief Business Development Officer, Ripley manages Opportunity International's fundraising and investment activities in 22 countries. He also develops and manages Opportunity's strategic alliances with other non-governmental organizations and co-leads strategic planning for Opportunity International U.S.

Penn Microfinance is the first and largest undergraduate microfinance organization in the United States and brings together academics, industry leaders, nonprofit organizations and others to discuss the impact of microfinance around the world. The theme of the conference is “Adapt and React,” which will focus on how changes and innovations in the microfinance industry have expanded services and changed the perception and role of microfinance around the world.

“I’ve seen tremendous change in the industry during my 23 years at Opportunity International,” Ripley said. “Among other topics, I’ll be discussing how Opportunity International is using innovation and technology, such as mobile money, to expand our financial services to people living in even the most remote areas of Africa, Latin America, Europe and Asia.”

The one-day conference will also feature discussions of:

- Technological Innovation & Inclusiveness: Expanding access to financial services.
- New Players & Ethics: Government intervention and nonprofit microfinance institutions.
- Gender Equality: Engendering a new generation.
- Support Products: Holistically nurturing communities.

ABOUT OPPORTUNITY INTERNATIONAL

Opportunity International is a global non-profit organization that helps people in developing nations work their way out of poverty, strengthen their families and improve their communities. Founded in 1971, the organization has provided more than \$8.5 billion in loans to its clients. Currently, the organization offers loans, savings programs, insurance and other financial services and training in 22 countries across Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe. Clients use the resources to expand businesses, provide for their families and create jobs in their communities. The global headquarters of Opportunity International are in Oak Brook, Ill., with other key offices in Australia, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, Singapore, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. The organization proudly employs more than 17,500 people around the world. Discover more at opportunity.org.

ABOUT PENN MICROFINANCE

Penn Microfinance seeks to educate and empower students through partnerships with microfinance institutions, hands-on experiences and networking opportunities.

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