

## Report on Development Finance Forum, May 31, 2004

This is the first in a series of updates. The executive committee selected ShoreBank Corporation in Chicago as the site of the September 2004 meeting. The Forum's first case study will be on ShoreBank Corporation with a focus on the themes of governance and innovation. Jeremy Nowak, founder of The Reinvestment Forum and DFF member, will prepare the case, with advice from several academics. The Development Finance Forum hopes that practitioner-prepared cases will identify lessons in a way which is particularly helpful to practitioners running organizations and in a way that is also helpful to the organization that is the subject of the case.

The "Capital Plus" Executive Summary was published in April and mailed out in May to over 600 practitioners, donors, investors, and others in the field. It was featured in May on both the Aspen Institute and Microfinance Gateway websites.

The Ford Foundation approved a grant of \$230,000 to the Development Finance Forum in May 2004 for the two year period ending April 30, 2006.