Challenges Faced by MSMEs in the Modern Economy

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OBJECTIVES OF PANEL

• Introduce main economic issues behind the desirability of tools to facilitate inter-firm “cooperation and “contractual networks”

• Identify the main legal issues concerning such cooperation

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• Global overview of challenges faced by MSMEs (domestic / international)

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SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL #8:

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

Target #8.3:

Promote development-oriented policies that support productive activities, decent job creation, entrepreneurship, creativity and innovation, and encourage the formalization and growth of micro-, small- and medium-sized enterprises, including through access to financial services.

[emphasis added]
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL #2:

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture.

Target #3.3:

By 2030, double the agricultural productivity and incomes of small-scale food producers, in particular women, indigenous peoples, family farmers, pastoralists and fishers, including through secure and equal access to land, other productive resources and inputs, knowledge, financial services, markets and opportunities for value addition and non-farm employment.

[emphasis added]
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL #5:

Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls.

**Target #5.A:**

Undertake reforms to give women *equal rights to economic resources*, as well as *access to ownership and control* over land and other forms of *property, financial services*, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws.

*emphasis added*
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL #9:

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation.

Target #9.3:

Increase the access of small-scale industrial and other enterprises, in particular in developing countries, to financial services, including affordable credit, and their integration into value chains and markets.

[emphasis added]
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL #10:

Reduce inequality within and among countries.

Target #10.1:

By 2030, progressively achieve and sustain income growth of the bottom 40 per cent of the population at a rate higher than the national average.

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CONCLUSION

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