<u>Central Bank of Nigeria in Collaboration with the Rural Finance Institution</u> <u>Building Programme (RUFIN) Supports the Launching of National</u> Association of Microfinance Institutions (NAMI)

The Central Bank of Nigeria in collaboration with the Rural Finance Institution Building Programme (RUFIN) will be convening a meeting of the Officials of the Zonal Associations of unlicensed Microfinance Institutions (MFIs) from the six geo-political zones of Nigeria.

The objective of the meeting is to formally launch the National Apex Association of the MFIs and elect its officials. The Association will create a platform for stakeholdersø support to enable members expand financial services to the economically active poor, particularly in the rural areas.

The launching will hold as follows:

Date: Thursday, 28th October, 2010

Time: 10 am

Venue Main Auditorium, Central Bank of Nigeria, Abuja

Development Finance Department, Central Bank Of Nigeria, Abuja.

20th October, 2010