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Ms. Littlefield is the CEO of CGAP. CGAP is a multi-donor organization dedicated to building sustainable financial systems for the poor. CGAP was created to set standards, provide technical and strategic advice to financial institutions, governments and development agencies and act as resource center for the microfinance industry.

Ms Littlefield comes to CGAP from the investment bank JP Morgan, where she was the Managing Director in charge of JP Morgan's financing business in Central, Eastern and Southern Europe, Central Asia, Middle East and Africa until leaving to join CGAP. Prior to this position, Ms. Littlefield held positions at JP Morgan as a Vice President and head debt trader for external and local debt in Africa, Eastern Europe and Asia, and as a Directeur in JP Morgan's Paris Office in Corporate Finance, among others.

In parallel to her career in investment banking, Ms. Littlefield also spent a year and a half on loan to microfinance institutions in West and Central Africa. She has served on the boards of several international corporations and non-profit companies. She taught as an Adjunct Professor at SAIS, and was founder of the Emerging Markets Charity in the UK and an NGO that linked homeless shelters to European food banks.

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