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Curriculum Vitae

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At the LEAD Programme, she has participated since 2016 in several workshops, seminars, and conferences, including international workshops and seminars on Integrated Microfinance Management (IMM) focused on corporate social responsibility of banking institutions for sustainable development in Indonesia. She also participated in an International Conference of Integrated Microfinance Management for Sustainable Community Development. organised by the Faculty of Economics, Universitas Padjadjaran, Indonesia in collaboration with the LEAD Programme of Leiden University, in The Netherlands.

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