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## IPTS reports on technology policy: From acceptance to acceptability

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- Financial innovations and economic development: the role of micro-finance institutions;
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