



Convergence: Philanthropy as a Partner in Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals

UN General Assembly Opening Week Side Event

Wednesday, September 21 8:15 am – 2:00 pm
Ford Foundation, 320 East 43rd Street, New York

World leaders are meeting once again in New York for the United Nations General Assembly opening week and other key events, considering challenges and concerting action for the year to come. The world is half a year into the implementation phase of Agenda 2030 - the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) - whose ambitious timeline for achievement is less than a generation. The SDG Philanthropy Platform and our expanding network of partners is pleased to host again a day of learning, exchange and partnership-building around the SDGs agenda. This year, the focus will be on how, in these crucial first two years, we can build the foundation for solid progress and ensure no one is left behind. Leaders in government, philanthropy, the UN system, civil society and business are exploring themes including promoting inclusion, reducing inequality, women's empowerment, education, and approaches to the SDGs like better data systems and impact investing. We will also emphasize the 'universality' agenda and what it means for SDG planning in the US and Europe, as well as what governments can do to create an enabling environment for the philanthropy sector and grantees.

Program

8:15 Registration and Networking Breakfast

9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Darren Walker, President, Ford Foundation

Announcements and Panel Discussion: How Philanthropy Is Making a Difference in Achieving the SDGs

H.E. Princess Lamia Al Saud, Secretary-General, Alwaleed Philanthropies
Magdy Martínez-Solimán, Assistant Secretary General and Director, Bureau for Policy and Programming Support, UNDP
Peter Laugharn, President, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
H.E. Mr. David Donoghue, Ambassador of Ireland to the United Nations
Moderator: Melissa Berman, President and CEO, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors

10:00 Concurrent Thematic Roundtables - Round 1

Each roundtable includes experts on the SDGs and the theme from the UN and other organizations, a moderator, a rapporteur, and representatives from foundations, business and civil society. A few presenters will frame the discussion.

A – Promoting gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls: *Margaret Hempel, Ford Foundation; Nauf Al Rawaf, Director, Alwaleed Philanthropies; Angela Lusigi, UNDP; Papa Seck, UN Women; Muna Wehbe, STARS Foundation; Elise Young, FHI360.*

B – Pathways to equity and quality in education: *Shaheen Kassim-Lakha, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation; Kim Kerr, The MasterCard Foundation; Justin van Fleet, International Commission on Financing Global Education Opportunity; Irene Pritzker, IDP Foundation.*

C – Social finance, impact investing and social enterprise: *Priya Bery, TOMS; Deborah Stern, 2020 Strategies; Frank Cinque, E4Impact Foundation; Graham MacMillan, Ford Foundation; Jay Lipman, ETHIC.*

D – Collaboration on the SDGs in high-income countries: *Regan Moffitt, Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation; Fokko Wientjes, DSM Netherlands; Tony Pipa, USAID; Natalie Ross, Council on Foundations; Solomon Greene, Urban Institute.*

11:10 Lightning Refreshments Break

11:25 Concurrent Thematic Roundtables – Round 2

E – Leaving no one and no data behind – the critical role of data in achieving the SDGs: *Larry McGill, Foundation Center; Serge Kapto, UNDP; Jody Heymann, UCLA; Michael Green, Social Progress Imperative.*

F – Tackling inequality and promoting rights through the SDGs: *Rakesh Rajani, Ford Foundation; Siddharth Chatterjee, UN Kenya; Ana Marie Argilagos, Ford Foundation; Alex Sardar, CIVICUS; Rosemary Kalapurakal, UN; Radhika Nayar, DASRA.*

G – Humanitarianism and the SDGs: *Ed Cain, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation; Kate Bunting, HelpAge; Ed Martinez, UPS Foundation; Marcos Neto, UNDP; David Abromowitz, Humanity United; Deirdre Boyd, Office of the UN Secretary-General.*

12:30 Panel Discussion: Engaging Philanthropy at the Country Level - Lessons Learnt and Ways Forward

*Pablo Obregon, Chairman, AFE (Association of Family and Corporate Foundations), Colombia
Karolina Mzyk, Policy Specialist, Foundation, UNDP, Istanbul
Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre and Acting Director, Development
Co-operation Directorate
Erna Witoelar, Co-Chair, Filanthropi Indonesia
Moderator: Lindsay Wallace, Director, The MasterCard Foundation*

13:00 Report-back and Concluding Remarks

Heather Grady, Vice President, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors

13:15 Networking Lunch

14:00 Ends

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