Philanthropy Engaged: Implementing and Achieving the Post-2015 Agenda

UN General Assembly Opening Week Side Event

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In September, world leaders will gather in New York for the United Nations Summit to Adopt the Post-2015 Development Agenda, which officially begins on January 1, 2016, and will set the course for tackling the world’s social, environmental, and economic challenges for the next 15 years. But what role can philanthropy play in the Post-2015 Development Agenda? And how can the sector help governments, the UN, civil society and business successfully implement and achieve these new goals? This event will bring together over 100 leaders from philanthropy, government, UN agencies, civil society, and business, who share a common interest in answering these urgent questions, in order to catalyze the philanthropic sector through the SDG Philanthropy Platform in the months and years to come.

Program

8:15   Registration and continental breakfast

9:00   Welcome and Opening Remarks
Mr. Darren Walker, President, Ford Foundation
H.E. Ms. Helen Clark, Administrator, UNDP
First Lady of Kenya Mrs. Margaret Kenyatta

9:30   Setting the Scene at 99 Days to Implementation
This moderated conversation will provide an overview of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to be adopted during the Summit, key opportunities and challenges in launching the implementation phase in January 2016, and how philanthropy, the UN system and governments must engage differently to achieve these ambitious goals at both global and national levels.
Ms. Reeta Roy, CEO and President, The MasterCard Foundation  
Mr. Franky Welirang, Chair, Philanthropy Association of Indonesia  
Dr. Alejandro Gamboa Castilla, Director, Colombian Agency for International Cooperation  
Mr. Peter Laugharn, Incoming President, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation  
H.E. Mr. David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the UN and Co-Facilitator of the Post-2015 Process  
H.E. Mr. Sam Kutesa, Ambassador of Uganda and outgoing President of the UN General Assembly (TBC)  
Moderator: H.E. Mrs. Mary Robinson, Founder, Mary Robinson Foundation for Climate Justice

10:30  Data, information, knowledge: building blocks for collaboration and measuring Progress  
Dr. Thomas Gass, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Inter-Agency Affairs, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs  
Mr. Brad Smith, President, Foundation Center  
Moderator: Dr. Selim Jahan, Director, Human Development Report Office of UNDP

11:10  The SDG Philanthropy Platform  
Heather Grady, Vice President, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors  
Nardos Bekele-Thomas, UNDP Resident Representative/UN Resident Coordinator in Kenya  
Marcos Neto, Director, Istanbul International Center for Private Sector in Development, UNDP

11:25  Thematic Roundtables (refreshments available in each meeting room)  
Each roundtable includes experts who are following the Post-2015 negotiations on the goal(s) covered, including the targets, indicators, and the ongoing debates. The Roundtables will examine crucial implementation issues such as measurement of progress (leaving no one behind), governance, capacity, and financing. Representatives of organizations with activities that have demonstrated progress toward the goals will share opportunities for collaboration and highlights gaps.

Participants of each roundtable, led by a skilled moderator, will quickly synthesize the information presented by resource persons and identify action steps for philanthropy (and those engaging with philanthropy) for the coming year, such as:

- Identifying opportunities to help with measuring targets and using indicators  
- Improving capacity for institutions responsible for progress on the goal  
- Tapping existing networks and consortia to make greater progress and collective impact  
- Enabling those at this event to become a nexus of collaboration and work together pro-actively in the months ahead
Each Roundtable’s rapporteur will report back to the larger group five actionable steps on how philanthropy can support action on that goal in the months up to and following the start of implementation in January 2016, followed by a networking lunch.

**Roundtable 1: Generating Employment**
This roundtable will focus primarily on SDG Goal 8: *Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.* Resource persons include Steve Cumming of The MasterCard Foundation; Jamie McAuliffe of Education for Employment; Mamadou Biteye of the Rockefeller Foundation; Janet Longmore, Digital Opportunity Trust; Letizia Moratti of San Patrignano Foundation; and Gilbert Houngbo of the International Labor Organization.

*Moderator: Ann Miles, The MasterCard Foundation*

**Roundtable 2: Education – prepared for primary, prepared for adulthood**
This roundtable will focus primarily on Goal 4: *Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.* Resource persons include Aleesha Taylor of Open Society Foundations; Shaheen Kassim-Lakha of the Hilton Foundation; Pia Britto from UNICEF; Justin van Fleet of the Office of the UN Special Envoy for Global Education; and Tony Baker of RESULTS Educational Fund.

*Moderator: Dharmendra Kanani, Policy Director, European Foundation Center*

**Roundtable 3: Speeding Up Progress to Slow the Impacts of Climate Change**
This roundtable will focus primarily on Goal 13: *Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.* Resource persons include President of Kiribati H.E. Mr. Tong; Jo Scheuer of UNDP; Youba Sokona of the South Centre; Daniele Violetti of the UNFCCC; Ramiro Fernandez of Fundacion Avina; and Eleanor Blomstrom of WEDO.

*Moderator: Mary Robinson*

**Roundtable 4: Tackling the Social and Spatial Dimensions of Inequality**
This roundtable will focus primarily on Goal 10: *Reduce inequality within and among countries,* as well as Goal 11: *Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.* Resource persons include Babatunde Omilola of UNDP; Angela Escallon of the Corona Foundation; Maruxa Cardama of the Communitas Coalition; and Susan Nicolai of the Overseas Development Institute.

*Moderator: Don Chen, Ford Foundation*

1:00  Report-back and Concluding Remarks
Roundtable Rapporteurs
Xavier de Souza Briggs, Vice President, Ford Foundation

*Moderator: Melissa Berman, President & CEO, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors*

1:30  Networking lunch

2:15  Ends