Roundtable on Optimising philanthropy’s potential to fast-track the SDGs

Friday, 25 September 2015 | 9:00 am-12:00 pm

Hosted by the Ford Foundation, 320 E. 43rd Street, New York

DRAFT AGENDA

09:00 – 09:20 Opening Session “Walking the walk”: Optimising philanthropy’s contribution to the Post-2015 agenda

This introductory session will allow setting the scene based on the Post-2015 agenda and in particular, the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The expected impact and unleashed potential for innovative partnerships and reaching impact at scale will be discussed, building on recent debates between foundations and the global development community at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development that took place in Addis-Ababa, in July, 2015. The Ford Foundation will provide introductory remarks and share its views on recent developments of the Post-2015 agenda for the philanthropic sector. A ministerial-level government representative of Mexico and Co-Chair of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation will share views on the initiative’s relevance based on the government’s experience of engaging with philanthropy, both at the national and global levels. The Minister for International Cooperation and Development in the Government of the United Arab Emirates will share experience of engaging with the emerging Arab philanthropic sector on development agenda.

- Welcoming address: Ana Marie Argilagos, Senior Advisor, Ford Foundation
- Setting the scene: Bathyle Missika, Head a.i., Policy Dialogue Division, OECD Development Centre
- Opening remarks: Juan Manuel Valle, Executive Director, Mexican Agency for International Development Co-operation
- Key note speech: Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi, Minister for International Cooperation and Development, United Arab Emirates*

09:20 – 10:20 Session 1 Accelerating Impact 2030: rationale, objectives and scope

This first session will allow participants to learn about Accelerating Impact 2030, a new initiative supported by the OECD netFWD in collaboration with several of its members. The Shell Foundation, one of its founding members will share preliminary thoughts on a multi-stakeholder consortium being set up at the country level on access to energy. The Stars Foundation will suggest how Accelerating Impact 2030 can support different consortia and collect evidence on how successful philanthropic interventions tackling very different development issues can be constructed innovatively and replicated across sectors. Finally,
the Foundation Center will discuss Accelerating Impact 2030’s potential in helping gather evidence and data on the impact of philanthropic efforts to achieve the SDGs, and possible synergies with the newly launched SDGfunders.org.

- Bathyle Missika, Head a.i., Policy Dialogue Division, OECD Development Centre
- Alex Christopoulos, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Stars Foundation
- Larry McGill, VP, Research, Foundation Center
- Sam Parker, CEO, Shell Foundation

10:20 – 11:50  
**Session 2  
**Capitalising on multi-stakeholder partnerships at the country level

While there are many ongoing efforts at the country level aimed at solving complex development challenges, this session will discuss specific examples and their potential to see philanthropy’s role help accelerate impact towards the SDGs, as well as the potential of these efforts in being associated with Accelerating Impact 2030.

- Ann Aerts, Head, Novartis Foundation
- Mamadou Biteye, Managing Director, Africa Regional Office, Rockefeller Foundation
- Christopher Johnston, Senior Manager, Research and Policy, MasterCard Foundation
- Stefan Maard, Co-founder and Originator, DIVA
- Michael Anderson, CEO, CIFF*
- R. Venkataramanan, Executive Trustee, Tata Trusts*

Followed by a discussion

11:50 – 12:00  
**Closing Remarks  
**Way forward

- Ana Marie Argilagos, Senior Advisor, Ford Foundation

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