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What is the role of philanthropy in the short, mid, and long term social-economic response to the COVID-19 pandemic?

SDG Philanthropy Platform Digital Event

Date & time: July 8, 8.30 am - 9.30 am

The world is facing a triple health, environmental, and economic crisis. The outbreak has magnified the fragility and interdependency of our natural and economic ecosystems, triggering record debt and unemployment, and devastating global supply and value chains that employ millions of people (including informal workers and migrants) with no access to social safety nets. The COVID-19 crisis is showing us the effects of delaying our actions to 'leave no one behind'. The pandemic is deepening the urgency to address issues like climate change, social inequality, gender empowerment, among others. At the same time, we will have to rebuild our health systems, deal with authoritarian governments, and the economic effects of the global breakout while we rethink the way we are living.

The current crisis seems to be one of many we will face in the future. That is why this is also an opportunity to learn how to manage these situations. The SDGs are offering us a common language and a collective framework to respond now and plan our actions in the long term. Governments, the private sector, citizens, and philanthropists are being called to use this as a blueprint to articulate their efforts and actively collaborate to build a better future together.

The UN framework for the immediate socio-economic response to COVID-19, highlights the multiple challenges we have ahead. In this context, the SDG Philanthropy Platform wants to promote a conversation on to reflect how philanthropy can take part in the assessment and response lead by the UNDP.

Target audience: Public. Previous registration is required. [Register here](#)

Agenda

Initial Remarks

Welcome remarks by UNDP, **Ms. Ulrika Modéer**, UNDP. Assistant Administrator and Director of the Bureau of External Relations at Advocacy

Keynote speech by **Darren Walker**, Chief Executive Officer, Ford Foundation (TBC)

Panel Discussion

Marcos Neto, Director Finance Sector Hub, UNDP

- UN COVID-19 socio-economic response. Highlight the importance of multi-stakeholder engagement
- Why philanthropy is an important partner to achieving success

Benjamin Bellegy, Executive Director, WINGS

- How is the philanthropy field responding to the crisis and envisioning the future?
- How to use the SDGs as a framework to promote multi-stakeholder partnerships?

Lauren Bradford, Senior Director of Global Partnerships, Candid

- What is data telling us about the role of philanthropy in the near future?

Ingrid Srinath, Director Centre for Social Impact & Philanthropy, Ashoka University (TBC)

- How are governments partnering with philanthropic actors? What are the challenges and how to overcome them?

Moderator: Paloma Durán y Lalaguna, Head of Division. Global Partnerships & Policies at DCD/OECD – OCDE. (TBC)

Q&A with the audience

Closing remarks

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