



Multi-stakeholder partnerships to achieve the SDGs online event, 28 September

08.50 (for 09.00 start) - 11.00 ET

Event agenda

08.50 - 08.55 Please join the call

09.00 Introduction from WINGS (Benjamin Bellegy)

Keynote speech

- Ulrika Mod er, Assistant Secretary-General, and Director of the Bureau of External Relations and Advocacy (BERA), UNDP

Moderated multi-sector panel discussion (40 mins) moderated by Lauren Bradford, Candid

- Peter Laugharn, President & CEO, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation
- Mr. Jorge Moreira da Silva, Director, OECD Development Co-operation Directorate
- Nana Afadzinu, Executive Director, West Africa Civil Society Institute
- Oksana Oracheva, CEO, Potanin Foundation
- Yanti Triwadiantini, ASEAN CSR Network

Audience participation fishbowl: please use the chat box and Q&A function to contribute. If you'd like to speak, use the 'raise your hand' function.

Wrap up speech:

-  ngel Font, La Caixa Foundation

UNDP closing speech:

- Marcos Neto

11.00 - Event finishes



Event background:

There are ten years left to reach the ambitious Sustainable Development Goals, established in 2015. The SDGs provide a common framework and language for not only the philanthropic sector, but all sectors to coordinate around in order to pursue social and environmental justice. At the current rate, unfortunately, it is highly unlikely that any country will meet all of the SDGs by 2030¹. However, cross-sector collaboration on the SDGs and the potential role for philanthropy to expedite their attainment has not yet been realised.

Partnerships and the importance of multiple sectors coming together to work on the goals has been enshrined in SDG 17: “Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development”, which sits across the other goals. So far, there has been positive work to utilise the critical assets offered by each sector in cross-sector partnerships, and introduce new blended finance models to close funding gaps in the pursuit of the goals.

Multi-stakeholder partnerships that include foundations and other philanthropic actors can contribute to broader alignment, local ownership, and the inclusion of diverse perspectives, thereby unlocking the full potential of philanthropy's contribution to the sustainable development agenda. After 5 years, promising initiatives and precious learning in this area need to be shared and built upon as we must urgently find new ways to accelerate the pace of social change at the systemic level in order to achieve the goals in an even more challenging context today.

Since its inception, the [SDG Philanthropy Platform](#) (SDGPP) has educated, connected and catalyzed resources and actions around these goals, pushing for proactive multi sectoral work to achieve them. Launched under the leadership of the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors (RPA), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), and Candid (formerly known as Foundation Center), the platform is co-led by the UNDP and WINGS. The platform has developed a ‘collaborative pathways’ approach that maps out routes towards achieving the goals that includes different institutions and sectors within a country.

Given the implications of the COVID-19 crisis, which will undoubtedly impact development worldwide for years to come, it is now more important than ever that we use common goals in our drive for global equity. As UNDP are the UN agency managing the ongoing socio-economic response from the UN in the wake of the pandemic, the SDGPP is well placed to explore how we can further work on the SDGs collectively at this moment.

Held alongside the UN General Assembly, this online event connects to WINGS’ work as part of the [SDGPP](#) as well as the [Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation](#). It is the first in a series as part of the [WINGSForum 2020/2021: IMAGINE](#), as we lay the

¹ Sustainable Development Solutions Network, “Sustainable Development Report,” 2019.



groundwork for our in-person convening in Nairobi next year. WINGSForum 2020/2021: *IMAGINE* will challenge us to think beyond the conventional wisdom of what philanthropy is and offer exciting opportunities to explore what it can — and must — *become*. Together we will imagine a new role for philanthropy in accelerating multi-actor collaborations on the SDGs using a bottom up approach that is rooted in practice. Together we will start the work to ensure the pace and scope of social progress will overcome the pace and scope of the threats that stand in the way of building a more just, equitable and healthy world.

We invite you to an interactive discussion in which we will share practical methods and experiences of multi-stakeholder partnerships used to work towards the SDGs, and inspire the philanthropic sector to take a more active role in these partnerships going forward.

Event description:

An honest and multi-actor conversation to explore innovative ways, barriers and opportunities, philanthropic organizations are collaborating with each other, and the academic, nonprofit, business and governmental sectors to accelerate progress toward the SDGs.

Event objectives:

- Bring together a diverse group of actors from different sectors for an honest conversation on how to foster multi-actor collaboration on the SDGs going forward;
- Use the SDGPP’s five years of experience to learn from concrete experience of both the levers and barriers towards multi actor collaboration on the SDGs and see where the real added value of philanthropy lies in the broader chain to bring about systemic change;
- Explore how we can keep the agency of communities at the centre of this work;
- Reflect on the impact of the Covid-19 crisis and why the SDG framework should become the foundations for how we build back better.

Organizing partners: WINGS² and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), co-leading the SDG Philanthropy Platform³.

² [WINGS](#) is a network of about 160 philanthropy associations and support organizations in 50+ countries around the world whose purpose is to strengthen, promote and provide leadership on the development of philanthropy and social investment. WINGS members are supporting over 100,000 philanthropic entities.

³ [UNDP](#) works in more than 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. We help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience to sustain development results.