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**SUMMARY RECORD OF THE
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The Event

1. On 27 September 2013, the OECD [Global Network of Foundations Working for Development \(netFWD\)](#) co-hosted a side event to the 68th UN General Assembly on the role of foundations and civil society in shaping the next, post-2015, global development agenda¹. Organised conjointly with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Ford Foundation and the Rockefeller Foundation, along with Worldwide Initiatives for Grantmaker Support (WINGS) and the European Foundation Centre (EFC), this event gathered more than 200 participants from foundations, civil society, the UN and member states, a proof of the topical relevance and high general interest in the subject matter.

2. The focus of the meeting lay on how cooperation between foundations and other development actors could be enhanced and increased in order to promote greater impact of their activities and supporting the development of inclusive policies. During the meeting, the OECD Development Centre (netFWD Secretariat) organised and chaired a session on *Participation in Governance and Political Processes*, which brought together the Mo Ibrahim Foundation, the Foundation Center, Ford Foundation, The Tony Elumelu Foundation as well as the African Grantmakers Network. Throughout this session, the necessity to involve foundations more systematically into intergovernmental processes such as the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC) was reiterated, eventually leading to the idea of crafting a set of principles for effective philanthropic engagement.

Main Outcome

3. The OECD Development Centre, via netFWD, offered an important opportunity to private sector foundations to engage in the UN post-2015 debate and discuss their role and potential contribution. Thanks to a close co-operation with the UNDP and the OECD Development Co-operation Directorate, the Development Centre has also established a bridge between the philanthropic sector and the GPEDC. This bridge is particularly important as it will allow a structured dialogue between the GPEDC and a set of development stakeholders that are increasingly relevant, at both global and country level and in light of the central role that the GPEDC is expected to play in the implementation of the post-2015 agenda.

4. Having been recognised by participants as global convenors of the philanthropic sector, the OECD Development Centre and netFWD were assigned the lead in **developing a set of principles for philanthropic engagement** (the “Principles”) together with WINGS, EFC, UNDP and foundation representatives.

Progress since New York

5. Since the meeting in New York, significant progress has been made on the development of the Principles.

- **Outlet:** As had been envisaged at the New York meeting, netFWD and the representative of foundations to the GPEDC (foundations have an observer seat with GPEDC since April 2013 and attended both the Addis Ababa and Washington Steering Committee meetings) managed to have the principles included in session 1: Progress since Busan of the coming GPEDC Ministerial meeting in Mexico, 26-27 April 2014.

¹ The agenda of the event is available here: <http://globaldevelopment2015.eventbrite.com> while the concept notes framing each of the discussions can be downloaded here: <http://www.worldwewant2015.org/file/401792/download/436762>

- **First Draft:** Very significant progress has also been made on the substance of the Principles themselves. At a netFWD meeting in Paris on 25 October, a brainstorming session with a number of foundations produced a first set of draft principles. Under the working title **Principles for Effective Philanthropic Engagement (PEPEs)**, these principles contain both aspirational commitments by foundations and demands towards other development stakeholders.
- **Task Force:** In order to coordinate the on-going efforts a task force was created. This task force currently consists of netFWD, UNDP, WINGS, EFC and the STARS Foundation and is administered by the netFWD secretariat.

Next steps

- **Drafting:** The current draft Principles are a work in progress, i.e. open to change and evolving with the discussion and consultations around it. Currently, they are under review by foundations to simplify language and make Principles more concise.
- **Inclusive Consultation:** The Principles will only be meaningful if broad ownership is achieved through inclusive dialogue and consultation. Consultations will take place on different levels, spanning from bilateral consultations to regional philanthropic scenes, to global associations and multi-lateral fora. A number of netFWD members have agreed to lead regional consultations with foundations in their geographic area of operation as well as to consult with various philanthropic networks and associations. In addition, netFWD will hold a consultation session with DAC and Development Centre Governing Board delegates in Paris on 2 December, while UNDP will explore consulting with local country offices and their respective political counterparts. Online consultation will also take place in the form of an expert Webinar on 5 December 2013 hosted by WINGS.
- **Session Preparation:** Initial planning for the presentation of the Principles in Mexico has commenced. For the plenary session, the task force has asked foundations to consider sending high-ranking representatives that could possibly discuss and showcase the operationalisation of the Principles after their presentation. In addition, the possibility of hosting a side-event with local foundations (possibly organised together with foundation associations such as RedEAmerica and CEMEFI) is being explored.