

About netFWD

Welcome to the newest netFWD associate!



[RedEAmérica](#) is a thematic network of business foundations and companies with 70 members in 11 Latin American countries that invest private social resources in grassroots development. Its objective is to contribute to poverty reduction and to strengthen democracy in Latin America. RedEAmérica's approach, which inspires its members, seeks to help communities and its organizations to achieve a more dignified life, and to acquire collective capabilities, linkages (social capital), increase their voice, become protagonists of their own development and participate in guiding the destinies of their communities. RedEAmérica believes that this is the only way to contribute effectively to break out the poverty trap and the exclusion, and firmly believes that this is the private social investment most likely to bring up significant impact and long-term effects, which are sustainable in communities as well as in society. [RedEAmérica encourages its members](#) to enhance and deepen their practices through learning exchanges and knowledge construction, and to work in alliances in national and hemispheric initiatives. Also it seeks to take action and represent the voice of private social investment in the development agendas, and influences the agenda of the private sector at the regional level. They are confident that their participation in netFWD will be an opportunity to expand the potential of their work in Latin America and globally, given the common interests and action lines between the two networks.

netFWD on EVPA's 2013 Directory!



The [EVPA \(European Venture Philanthropy Association\) Directory 2013](#) is a publication that provides the profiles of all current EVPA members (associate, honorary and founding), as well as case studies of inspiring portfolio organisations of all their members. Furthermore, the Directory gives information on various practices of venture philanthropy and social investment, about EVPA and their activities, and it includes the executive summary of the EVPA survey on Venture Philanthropy and Social Investment 2011/2012. netFWD is officially on EVPA's 2013 Directory, page 169, check it out!

netFWD, member of the WINGS network!



netFWD has become an official member of [World Wide Initiatives for Grantmaker support](#) (WINGS). Through our collaboration we will strengthen our common efforts on the following areas i) accountability and transparency in global philanthropy; ii) collection and standardization of data in philanthropy; iii) promote the exchange of knowledge and best practices; iv) netFWD's visibility and products' dissemination; and v) netFWD's participation in WINGS Forum 2014 as follow-up with the netFWD-UN-WINGS workshop (April 2013, New York) on post-2015.

Participation of netFWD in the East Africa Philanthropy Conference on 24-26 July in Mombasa, Kenya



netFWD was invited to join the [East Africa Philanthropy Conference](#), which is a key event designed to explore local innovative strategies developed to link social investment with social impact. The Conference will discuss the place of business in philanthropy' and 'the place of philanthropy in businesses. Through its ongoing work with the Enterprise Philanthropy Working Group and its study (see below), netFWD will contribute inputs to some of the underlying questions, ranging from whether these new changes and shifts are relevant to Africa? What roles do/can philanthropists and impact investors play in their efforts to alleviate poverty and bring about sustainable social change? What will create the shift from the traditional forms of philanthropy involving charitable contributions towards more strategic forms of philanthropy that leverage on unique corporate capabilities?

Follow up: High-Level Symposium “A renewed global partnership for development for a post-2015 era”



netFWD was invited and represented by the *Olusegun Obasanjo Foundation* at the [UN's High-Level Symposium “A renewed global partnership for development for a post-2015 era”](#) that took place in June in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Working towards developing a set of “joint commitments” from both foundations and governments on concrete ways to engage more strategically in development cooperation, netFWD conveyed key messages on behalf of the philanthropic sector, building on the outcomes from the netFWD-UN-WINGS workshop (April 2013, New York). Some of these messages included: i) Flexibility as key word for a renewed global partnership for development, building pragmatic and innovative partnerships (e.g. PPPs); ii) Enhanced coordination, both at the field level and at the global level, to reduce fragmentation and to allow for more systematic scaling up of successful efforts; iii) Focus on issues-based efforts, especially at the country level; iv) Better understanding of foundations’ comparative advantages (e.g. ability to take risks, to operate on longer timelines); v) Enhanced efforts to enhance accountability to beneficiaries AND governments as well as greater transparency through the sharing of data.

Foundations represented at the next Steering Committee meeting of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (GPEDC)



Further to a letter from the Shell Foundation on behalf of netFWD to the three co-chairs of the [Global Partnership](#) (Armida Alisjahbana - Indonesia, Justine Greening - UK, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala - Nigeria) to draw their attention on foundations’ interest to be more systematically associated to the work of the Steering Committee of the GPEDC, foundations have been granted an observer status at its next meeting, to be held on 25-26 July in Addis Adaba. In their response, the co-chairs specifically mentioned their “desire to see foundations and philanthropic organisations play a more active role in international dialogue on development co-operation, and in advancing the agenda forged in Busan”. netFWD will keep supporting foundations in their policy dialogue and outreach efforts in these high-level fora and looks forward to allowing foundations to play an increasingly tailored and impactful role in such partnerships.

Report of the High-Level Panel on the Post-2015 Development Agenda: value added of foundations clearly outlined

A NEW GLOBAL PARTNERSHIP: ERADICATE POVERTY AND TRANSFORM ECONOMIES THROUGH SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The Report of the High-Level Panel of Eminent Persons on
the Post-2015 Development Agenda

The Report of the High-Level Panel on post-2015 clearly acknowledges the role of philanthropy for development, as well as its value added, stating that foundations can “innovate and be nimble and opportunistic, forming bridges between government bureaucracies, international institutions and the business and CSO sectors. Foundations and philanthropists can take risks, show that an idea works, and create new markets where none existed before. This can give governments and business the confidence to take the initiative and scale up successes” (p. 11). Through its strong involvement within the Global Partnership for Effective Development Co-operation (see above) and through its collaboration with the UN, netFWD has gained legitimacy and is prepared to channel foundations’ voice on the wider development debate. The [full report](#) can be downloaded on the UN website.

Official Summary of the Special Policy Dialogue “Philanthropic Organisations in development cooperation”



THE ROLE OF PHILANTHROPIC ORGANISATIONS IN THE POST-2015
DEVELOPMENT AGENDA SETTINGS
Special Policy Dialogue of the Development Cooperation Forum
New York, 20 April 2013
Organized by the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Department
of Economic and Social Affairs, the UN Global Network of Independent Working Group
on Philanthropy (UNIGP) and the Worldwide Initiative for Grantmaker Support (WINGS)

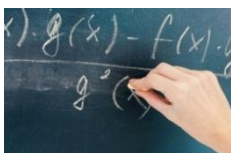
The [Official Summary](#) of the Special Policy Dialogue on the role of private philanthropic organisations in international development cooperation, which took place in April 2013 in New York, is now available on the [UNECOSOC webpage of the meeting](#), along with background and practical documents, opening statements and presentations. During this meeting, participants shared insights about the role of philanthropic organisations in the post-2015 setting, their engagement in development cooperation today, and contributed to crafting key messages aimed to enhance the development impact of their activities and partnerships at the operational and policy levels. The meeting was jointly organised by UN DESA, UNDP, netFWD and the Worldwide Initiative for Grantmaker Support (WINGS).

Article “Philanthropes, que faire de votre argent?”



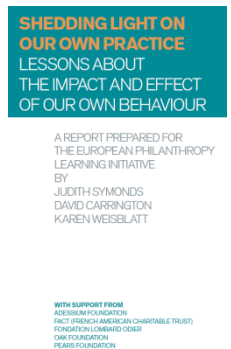
“[Philanthropes, que faire de votre argent?](#)” is an article in French written by Eric Berseth and Vincent Mudry ([Philanthropy Advisors](#)), and published on Youphil website. This article addresses different questions, such as which causes, projects, or NGOs should be supported, and how can someone commit oneself?

Getting Better: Improving Education By Learning from Evidence-Based Medicine



In the “quest” of [Giving Evidence](#) consultancy to get charitable giving based on evidence, they are trying to learn from the best, which in this case might be medicine. Hence they are doing a study of what can be learnt from evidence-based medicine, looking first specifically at what education in less developed countries can learn from it. [Summary of the project](#) is available on their website.

Report “Shedding Light on Our Own Practice Lessons About the Impact and Effect of our Own behaviour”



“[Shedding Light on Our Own Practice Lessons About the Impact and Effect of our Own behaviour](#)” is a report prepared for the European Philanthropy Learning Initiative. It examines the assessment and learning practices of foundations across Europe and shows that foundations are establishing new relationships for learning in and among organisations. They are also developing new internal capacities and processes. It raises questions such as: Can changing how foundations work enhance what they achieve? If foundations adopt new or improved working practices can they fulfil their purpose even better? Add more value to the work they support? Share their experience more fully with other funders? Influence more profoundly the policy context in which they work? The report was supported by Adessium Foundation, FACT, Fondation Lombard Odier, Oak Foundation and Pears Foundation and built on interviews with 26 foundations.

GrantCraft Guide “Foundations in Europe Working Together”



Part of the GrantCraft Series, the guide “Foundations in Europe Working Together” shows that the practice of foundations in Europe is very diverse and the context in which they work may vary from country to country. This diversity enriches collaboration among funders in Europe, but it can also present challenges, particularly when foundations look to work together across borders. Key lessons are fivefold: i) Working together in Europe: Drawing on diversity; ii) Starting out: How to get it right; iii) The human factor: Critical for success; iv) Organising for collaboration: Mix and match; v) Keep looking ahead: Learning from experience. Download this guide and find more information on the [GrantCraft website](#).

