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netFWD news

netFWD roundtable on accelerating the SDGs, New-York, 25 September



As the global community gathers in New York to endorse the SDGs, the need to identify concrete strategies for foundations' actuation and engagement with the new agenda is pressing. netFWD is therefore organising a roundtable hosted by the Ford Foundation on "Optimising philanthropy's potential to fast-track the SDGs", to be held in parallel to the UNGA Summit. This event is the opportunity to promote how foundations can work together and with governments to help achieve specific development targets. Discussions will target innovative multi-stakeholder partnerships, including "Accelerating Impact 2030," a new initiative led by netFWD with some of its members (see below).

Ministerial side-event at the Financing for Development Conference, Addis Ababa, 13 July



On 13 July, netFWD organised, in collaboration with the governments of the Netherlands and Mexico, a side event at the Third International Conference on Financing for Development, in Addis Ababa. High-level speakers, such as Minister Ploumen from the Netherlands or the CEOs of CIFF, the Emirates and the Shell Foundations, discussed concrete examples of how philanthropic and public resources could be further leveraged and deployed more efficiently to achieve the SDGs faster and more cost-effectively. Amina Mohamed, Ban Ki-Moon's Special Advisor on Post-2015 Development Planning, provided a keynote address, confirming the UN Secretary General's willingness to maximise engagement with foundations.

netFWD to launch new "Accelerating Impact 2030" initiative



netFWD is launching a new initiative, "Accelerating Impact 2030", which aims to bring together philanthropic foundations, governments and other committed partners to align their vision and pool their collective expertise and resources to accelerate achieving the SDGs. Recognising the power of public-private partnerships, catalytic foundations, including some netFWD members, have been developing a pioneering framework to scale up and accelerate impact through deliberate collective action around clearly identified focus areas in specific countries. As it marks its third anniversary, netFWD is taking its brokering and dialogue role one step further to help unleash this potential through Accelerating Impact 2030.

New pilots of the *Guidelines for Effective Philanthropic Engagement* in India and Myanmar



In addition to the pilot of the *Guidelines for Effective Philanthropic Engagement* currently being implemented in Mexico, two new ones were successfully kicked-off in India and Myanmar this spring (in March and June respectively). In India, the pilot will be led together with Dasra and focus on infant and maternal health. In Myanmar, netFWD is partnering with the British Council and the pilot will be centred on entrepreneurship and youth. More information on the [country pilots](#) is available on the netFWD website.

Mark your calendars: netFWD 2016 Annual Meeting – 9-10 March 2015



9-10 March 2016: netFWD 2016 Annual Meeting and thematic workshop, OECD Headquarters, Paris, France

“Philanthropy University”: innovative initiative by the Stars Foundation



A netFWD member, the Stars Foundation, in collaboration with Berkeley University is launching this month [Philanthropy University](#), a new initiative offering free online courses geared towards the learning needs of people and organisations working for social good. Philanthropy University will host a wide range of courses developed by leading practitioners and academics designed to help build the capacity of and inspire those working for social good. Course topics include: strategy development, scaling impact, leadership, fundraising, financial modelling, assessing your organisation’s capacity and social entrepreneurship. Each course lasts between 5 to 8 weeks and is free to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Jen at philanthropyuniversity@novoed.com.

netFWD members’ events and latest news



If you want to share your latest news and events with the netFWD community, do not hesitate to send us a short paragraph and a photo of your highlight at dev.foundations@oecd.org.

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Launch of OECD Development Co-operation Report 2015 on partnerships



This year’s *Development Co-operation Report* focuses on the question of how to make partnerships effective coalitions for action. The report analyses 11 existing partnerships in diverse sectors, countries and regions, drawing out lessons and practical guidance for the achievement of the SDGs. This focus on partnerships shows how much netFWD’s work in helping bridge the relationship between foundations and governments is timely and relevant. More information is available [here](#).