



**Strategic Foresight & Philanthropy:
Learning from the future to shape the post-2030 agenda**
OECD netFWD 2021 Annual Meeting | 16-18 March 2021



DRAFT AGENDA

16 March | 15:00-16:30 CET | Strategic Foresight Workshop

15:00 - 16:30 Strategic Foresight Workshop: Future-ready Philanthropy

The day before the Annual Meeting, we are pleased to invite you to a closed-door workshop organised in collaboration with the OECD Strategic Foresight Unit. By widening perspectives beyond immediate challenges, this workshop will provide an opportunity to anticipate possible disruptions, manage threats and seize game-changing opportunities to deliver social impact. In this interactive workshop, participants will use OECD scenarios to make sense of uncertainty and improve the effectiveness of philanthropic interventions.

17 March | 14:00-17:00 CET | Day 1 Annual Meeting

14:00 - 15:00 Opening & Session 1 - Exploring scenarios for the post-2030 agenda

Beyond responding to urgent societal needs, strategic philanthropy increasingly strives to address long-term systemic challenges. From narrowing social injustice and inequalities, to helping build healthy democracies and supporting the transition to clean technologies, foundations have the unique capital and flexibility to help policymakers better understand and innovate to respond to these threats. However, becoming active shapers of the future requires a vision of what lies ahead. This opening session will explore strategic foresight, identifying insights on major threats and game-changing opportunities for foundations to contribute to greener and more sustainable societies.

Moderator: Bathylle Missika, Head of Division- Networks, Partnerships and Gender, OECD Development Centre

- **Duncan Cass-Beggs**, Counsellor for Strategic Foresight, OECD Strategic Foresight Unit
- **Filiz Bikmen**, Founder, Constellations for Change
- **Natalie Cargill**, Founder & CEO Longview Philanthropy (tbc)

15:00 - 15:30 Spotlight - Taxation and Philanthropy

This spotlight session will feature the findings from the first large-scale international comparative study on [Taxation and Philanthropy](#), led by the OECD Centre for Tax Policy and Administration, and the Geneva Centre for Philanthropy. The study provides a detailed review of the tax treatment of philanthropic entities and philanthropic giving in 40 OECD member and participating countries, and highlights a range of potential tax policy options for countries to consider.

- **David Bradbury**, Head, Tax Policy and Statistics Division, OECD

15:30-15:45 Networking Break

15:45 - 16:45 Session 2 - Rising income and wealth inequality: Philanthropy's role in narrowing the gap

In 2019, the richest 1% accumulated twice as much income as the bottom 50% of the world's population. Growing inequalities can hamper economic growth, trigger social unrest and pose serious threats to democracy. Technological progress, such as automation, may further disadvantage low-skilled workers, leading to a higher concentration of wealth and power. This session will feature the bold and long-term strategies that foundations are pursuing to build fairer and more equitable societies, ranging from levelling the playing field along racial and gender lines, to reimagining the workings of capitalism.

Moderator: **Hisham Mundol**, Chief Advisor, India, Environmental Defense Fund

- **Nicolette Naylor**, International Program Director for Gender, Racial, and Ethnic Justice, Ford Foundation
- **Amol Mehra**, Director, Industry Transformation, Laudes Foundation
- **Philippe Sion**, Managing Director, Forced Labor and Human Trafficking, Humanity United

16:45 - 17:00 Closing of day 1

18 March | 14:00-17:00 CET | Day 2 Annual Meeting

14:00 - 14:05 Welcome

14:05 - 15:05 Session 3 – Democracies at stake: Philanthropy's role in supporting a vibrant civic space

Not more than approximately 3 per cent of the world's population lives in countries where freedom of association, peaceful assembly and expression are widely respected. Without appropriate checks and balances, technological progress in artificial intelligence may further expand governments' surveillance and censorship capabilities, and deteriorate the enabling environment of civil society. In this session, representatives from foundations will explore how philanthropy can contribute to building inclusive and healthy democracies, and share their strategies to protect human rights, strengthen societal and political inclusion and encourage innovative civic participation.

Moderator: **Benjamin Bellegy**, Executive Director, WINGS

- **Markus Lux**, Senior Vice President, Democracy, Immigration Society, Robert Bosch Foundation
- **Tim Parritt**, Programme Officer, International Human Rights Programme, Oak Foundation
- **Jordi Vaquer**, Director, Global Foresight and Analysis, Open Society Foundations (tbc)
- **Frederike Kaltheuner**, Director, European Artificial Intelligence Fund (tbc)

15:05-15:15 Networking Break

15:15 - 16:15 Session 4 - A green new world: Philanthropic efforts to combat the climate and environmental crises

Altering weather patterns, rising sea levels and more frequent extreme weather events are already a heavy burden on the world's poorest populations, threatening their livelihoods and in some instances, forcing them to leave their homes. And while innovators are developing promising clean technology solutions to help reduce greenhouse emissions, it might take years before they are widely accessible and adopted. In this session, experts from foundations will assess the role philanthropy can play in fighting the climate and environmental crises, drawing from their experiences of working at the intersection of climate, energy and poverty.

Moderator: Eva Rehse, Executive Director, Global Greengrants Fund UK

- **Sonia Medina**, Executive Director, Climate, Children's Investment Fund Foundation
- **George Richards**, Director, Community Jameel
- **Jeffrey Prins**, Head of Renewable Energy, Ikea Foundation

16:15 - 17:00 Closing –Shaping a future agenda for education, health and gender equality

Based on the previous sessions, representatives from foundations will identify concrete and actionable recommendations for health, education and gender equality.

Moderator: Bathylle Missika, Head of Division- Networks, Partnerships and Gender, OECD Development Centre

- **Denis Mizne**, CEO, Lemann Foundation
- **Benjamin Davies**, Executive Director, Johnson & Johnson Foundation EMEA
- **Andrew Serazin**, President, Templeton World Charity Foundation Inc.
- **Muriel Guigue**, Head of Philanthropy, Cartier Philanthropy (tbc)