

» HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE

Partnering for Development: the Foundation-Government Dynamics in India

23 May 2017 | 09:30 - 13:30

India Habitat Center - Maple Room | New Delhi | India

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09:30 – 10:00 Welcome coffee and registration

10:00 – 10:15 **Opening remarks**

- **Mario Pezzini**, Director, OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary General on Development

10:15 – 10:45 **SESSION 1: Are foundations and the government in India engaging with each other enough?**

The first session aims to provide participants with an overview of the key findings and recommendations of the study. The presentation will outline the current state of foundation-government collaborations in India and assess the underlying causes of the remaining challenges that foundations and government face when engaging in dialogue and partnerships. In addition, the session will shortly highlight the results of similar country studies led by the OECD in Kenya, Mexico and Myanmar.

- **Pakzan Dastoor**, Associate Director, Dasra
- **Bathylle Missika**, Senior Counsellor to the Director (acting), Head, Partnerships and Networks Unit, OECD Development Centre

10:45 – 11:45 **SESSION 2: Promoting effective collaborations between foundations and the government: the way forward**

This session will provide an opportunity for high-level representatives of philanthropic organisations, policy makers and other development actors to comment on the results of the study and provide their insights on how foundations and the government can move forward together to improve development outcomes in India. The presentations will be followed by an interactive discussion with participants.

Moderator: Mario Pezzini, Director, OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary General on Development

- **Shrikant Sinha**, CEO, Nasscom Foundation
- **Poonam Muttreja**, Executive Director, Population Foundation of India
- **Naina Subberwal Batra**, CEO Asia, Asia Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN)

11:45 – 12:00 **Keynote and Thoughts**

- **Amitabh Kant**, CEO, NITI Aayog

12:00 – 12:30 **Closing remarks**

- **Sunil Arora**, Director General and CEO, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)
- **Mario Pezzini**, Director, OECD Development Centre and Special Advisor to the OECD Secretary General on Development

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch**



BACKGROUND

In 2007, India graduated to middle-income status, and made impressive progress on a number of development indicators. However, the country still faces an array of challenges and much more needs to be done before citizens can realize the full benefits of this ongoing transformation.

While the Government has been the most significant actor in promoting social development in India, increasingly, private actors are being called upon for support. Amongst these, private foundations stand out as an actor with a huge potential to influence and accelerate social development in India in the coming years.

In 2015, the OECD Network of Foundations Working for Development (netFWD), together with Dasra, and with financial support from USAID, launched a study to better understand the current state of foundation-government collaborations in India. It was developed based on insights gathered through a comprehensive survey, in-depth interviews and a roundtable discussion between foundations and the government working in the maternal and child health space in the state of Maharashtra.

The by invitation-only roundtable, co-organised with the Asian Venture Philanthropy Network (AVPN) will bring together senior representatives of governments and philanthropic organisations, and other development actors to unveil and discuss the key findings and recommendations of the study. The event will specifically seek to:

- Discuss some of the most successful examples of foundation-government partnerships.
- Assess the underlying causes of the remaining challenges that foundations and government face when engaging in dialogue and partnerships.
- Suggest practical ways in which philanthropy and the government (at state a federal levels) can move forward together and effectively collaborate towards meeting the 2030 Agenda.

No single partner can drive the development agenda alone. With that in mind, this high-level roundtable will be a step towards capitalising enthusiasm around collaboration and converting it into actual partnerships between governments and foundations in India.