

# Optimising philanthropy's potential to fast-track the Sustainable Development Goals

Date: 25 Sept. 2015 | Time: 9:00 – 12:00

Venue: Hosted by the Ford Foundation, 320 E. 43rd Street, New York

As the global community gathers in New York to endorse the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the need to identify concrete entry points at the global and field levels and optimise philanthropy's contribution and impact are pressing.

This roundtable will bring together representatives of governments and foundations as well as other like-minded actors who can discuss **how philanthropy and other development actors can accelerate impact towards specific SDGs at the field level**. Discussions will focus on how they can do that as part of the Accelerating Impact 2030 initiative, which is based on efforts led by the OECD Development Centre's **Network of Foundations Working for Development (netFWD)** and some of its members.

The event specifically seeks to:

- Discuss the field-level challenges and opportunities for philanthropy to accelerate progress and impact towards the post-2015 agenda through enhanced collective action and for governments to support the enabling environments high-potential development solutions require to scale.
- Unveil the scope and ambition of Accelerating Impact 2030 and discuss its potential.
- Suggest new areas of multi-stakeholder engagement at the country level and/or join future consortia established in specific areas, such as access to energy in India.

## Panellists:

- **Sheikha Lubna Al Qasimi**, Minister for International Cooperation and Development, United Arab Emirates (invited)
- **Don Chen**, Director, and Ana Marie Argilagos, Senior Advisor, Ford Foundation
- **Juan Manuel Valle**, Executive Director, Mexican Agency for International Development Co-operation
- **Ann Aerts**, Head, Novartis Foundation
- **Sam Parker**, CEO, Shell Foundation
- **Michael Anderson**, CEO, CIFF
- **Mamadou Biteye**, Managing Director, Africa, Rockefeller Foundation
- **Christopher Johnston**, Senior Manager, Research and Policy, MasterCard Foundation
- **Alex Christopoulos**, Strategic Initiatives Manager, Stars Foundation
- **Larry McGill**, VP, Research, Foundation Center
- **Stefan Maard**, Co-founder and Originator, DIVA