



Innovations in International Philanthropy Symposium

Bringing together internationally-oriented philanthropists, investors, funders, and companies to connect, inspire, and learn from each other.

September 7 - 8, 2023



Cambridge, MA

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The Philanthropic Initiative



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WELCOME

The Network of Engaged International Donors (NEID Global) and The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI) welcome you to the 2023 Innovations in International Philanthropy Symposium. We are thrilled you are here! The Symposium aims to propel forward the capacity and impact of internationally-oriented philanthropists and investors, including individual donors, families, corporate funders, independent and community foundations, and impact investors. Here you will find a unique opportunity to network, discover opportunities for collaboration, explore new strategies, and gain practical, hands-on skills to increase the impact of your international giving.

About the Organizers



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Act boldly. Give wisely.

The Network of Engaged International Donors (NEID Global) is a unique peer-to-peer learning network based in Boston that serves a community of passionate & dedicated international philanthropists across the world. At NEID Global we start with humility. Through strategic networking, educational opportunities, and information sharing we strive for transformational social change. To learn more, visit us at neidonors.org.

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AT A GLANCE

Venue

American Academy of Arts & Sciences in Cambridge, Massachusetts
136 Irving Street Cambridge, MA 02138

Thursday, September 7, 2023

3:00 PM

Registration & Networking

3:30 PM

Welcome & Opening Keynote

4:40 PM

Inspire & Learn – Speed Networking

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Welcome Reception

Friday, September 8, 2023

8:00 AM

Registration, Morning Networking & Light Breakfast

9:00 AM

Workshop Series I

10:30 AM

Refreshments & Networking

10:45 AM

Workshop Series II

12:30 PM

Lunch & Networking

1:30 PM

Afternoon Keynote

2:30 PM

Workshop Series III

4:00 PM

Refreshments & Networking

4:30 - 5:30 PM

Keynote & Closing

Symposium Day 1

Thursday, September 7, 2023

3:00 PM

Lobby & Atrium

3:30 PM

Auditorium



4:00 PM

Auditorium



4:40 PM

*North & West
Dining Rooms*

5:30 PM

Lobby & Atrium

Registration and Networking

Welcome

Maggi Alexander, Senior Partner, The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI), and Director of TPI's Center for Global Philanthropy

Ina Breuer, Executive Director, NEID Global

Opening Keynote: The Courage to Take Extraordinary Action

Armine Afeyan, Executive Director, Aurora Humanitarian Initiative

Jamila Afghani, 2022 Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity Laureate

Ilwad Elman, COO of The Elman Peace Centre, 2020 nominee for the Nobel Peace Prize, 2020 Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity Laureate

We live in a world with far greater humanitarian need than funding, meaning millions suffer without their basic human rights met every day. Though the international humanitarian system is vast, that gap will continue to grow as conflicts persist and climate crises escalate. At this scale, these issues can seem remote and even impenetrable. However, by emphasizing the “human” in humanitarian work, we connect to the stories of everyday people with the courage to take extraordinary action to support and save others. The Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity does just that, amplifying the stories of Aurora Laureates Ilwad Elman and Jamila Afghani, who, at great personal risk, have improved the lives of those in the greatest need. This opening keynote will give participants the opportunity to hear their stories in their own words.

Inspire and Learn – Speed Networking

Welcome Reception

Symposium Day 2

Friday, September 8, 2023

8:00 AM

Lobby & Atrium

8:30 AM

Auditorium



9:00 AM

Taking Action Now

North Dining Room



Practicing Impact Investing

West Dining Room



Registration, Morning

Networking, and Light Breakfast

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Workshop Series I

Pockets of Hope: How Donors can Effectively Engage in Societies in Prolonged Crisis

Dr. Alix Cantave, Senior Program Officer, W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Shamil Idriss, CEO, Search for Common Ground

This workshop will focus on how donors can engage in places that are politically unstable with complex and prolonged crises often lasting generations. Both speakers will share their deep experience working in these settings and explore key opportunities and lessons learned for funders to consider. Focusing on Haiti, Afghanistan, and other countries of prolonged crisis, the workshop will lift up the importance of staying the course and key elements for continued funding in those settings.

Aligning Your Values and Your Investing

Kathleen McQuiggan, Women & Wealth Advisor, Artemis Financial Advisors LLC

Ellen Remmer, Senior Partner, The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI)

Whether you realize it or not, you're already an investor. Your money is having an impact somewhere, somehow. This is true even if all you have is a savings account. Every entity in which you save or invest your money is using your assets for some purpose. The question is whether this supports the things you value – or undermines them? This hands-on workshop will provide practical guidance on how to ensure your investments align with your values – and your philanthropy.

Symposium Day 2

Friday, September 8, 2023

Advancing Equity

Auditorium



Frameworks to Action on Power and Equity

Heather Grady, Vice President and Practice Lead on Environment and Climate Change, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors

Sameera Mehra, Collective Intelligence and Advocacy Director, WINGS

Edwin Ou, Managing Director, Funder Alliances, Skoll Foundation

Over the past decade, the philanthropic sector has become more self-critical and aware of shifts that need to occur to decolonize and make philanthropy more equitable to address the multiple crises humanity faces. Several major reports have been released on how donors can play a key role in shifting power to the Global South, but to date efforts to do so have been slow. This workshop will examine recommendations in these reports and identify key practical areas for both individual and collective action.

Shaping the Future

Council Room



Challenges and Opportunities of AI in Global Health

Rebecca Distler, AI, Data, & Digital Health Strategist, Patrick J. McGovern Foundation

Few funders are as well placed as the McGovern Foundation to help other donors understand the positive role that AI can play in supporting development efforts in the Global South. This workshop will take a deep dive on efforts to improve the reach of health infrastructures and the various ways AI is creating new opportunities for rapid improvements globally.

10:30 AM

Lobby & Atrium

Refreshments and Networking

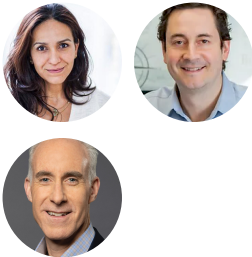
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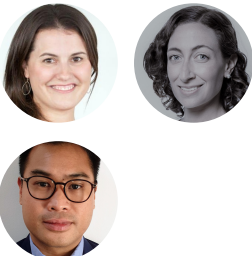
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Workshop Series II

How Funders can Support Refugees at Home or Abroad During the Refugee Journey

Nazanin Ash, CEO, Welcome.US

Sasha Chanoff, Founder & CEO, RefugePoint

Ed Shapiro, Managing Trustee, Shapiro Family Foundation

This workshop will present opportunities for funders to become part of the solution to the global refugee crisis as well as part of a movement to create infrastructure to welcome refugees across the United States. Speakers will share from their own experiences and share actionable ways funders can support refugees along their journeys and new opportunities emerging to support refugee arrivals in the US.

Venture Philanthropy: Catalytic Capital - Investing for Impact with a Broader Toolkit

Allie Hollowell, Executive Director, Global Alliance of Impact Networks (GAIN)

María José Céspedes, Chief Product Officer, Latimpacto

Arnil Paras, Academy Head, AVPN

This workshop will explore how donors can apply a wider set of tools to their philanthropy and illustrate the catalyzing and broader impact they can have when applying these various approaches.

Using Funds to Achieve Localization

Shamira Lukomwa, Strategic Partnerships Manager, African Visionary Fund

Deval Sanghavi, Co-founder and Partner, Dasra

Sadaf Shallwani, Director of Programs and Learning, Firelight Foundation

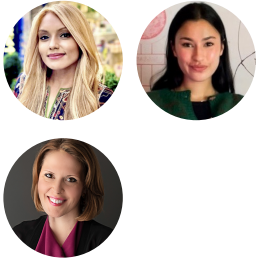
Lisa Spalding, Senior Partner, The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI)

One easy way for funders to shift their support to proximal leaders in the Global South is to work with intermediaries and/or participate in a collective fund that helps make that possible for multiple donors at once. This workshop will explore the advantages of this approach and consider how these funds vary, how some of them have evolved over time, and how these empower funders and grantee partners to actively shift power in their global philanthropy.

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Shaping the Future Auditorium



12:30 PM

Buffet in Atrium.
All rooms and patios
open for seating.

1:30 PM

Auditorium



Our Common Future: The Future of Multilateralism Post 2030

Harshani Dharmadasa, Senior Director, Global Partnerships and Initiatives, United Nations Foundation

Saru Duckworth, Next Generation Fellow for Jobs & Economic Opportunities, United Nations Foundation

Liz Metraux, Engagement Director, Better World Campaign of the UN Foundation (Moderator)

We In the face of the largest youth demographic in history and urgent global challenges, investment in young people and future generations is crucial. Due to multiple crises, young people are twice as likely to live in poverty and three times more likely to lose their job than adults. Most young people also live in countries that are underrepresented and marginalized in global bodies, and it is only through international cooperation that we can more effectively protect their interests in the future. It's time to change our approach and start working with and for young people as a strategic investment that fosters global cooperation. This workshop aims to underscore the significance of investing in young people and future generations.

Lunch

Afternoon Keynote: Shifting the Global South Narrative

Shaheen Kassim-Lakha, DrPH, Senior Director, Strategic Partnerships, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

Moky Makura, Executive Director, Africa No Filter

The conversation on decolonization and equity in global philanthropy has come a long way in recent years, but individually and collectively we still have much to wrestle with on issues like bias, narrative, and accountability. In this keynote, Moky Makura will share about the incredible work with Africa No Filter to shift global perceptions about the continent and illustrate how narrative shifts can have significant implications for the future of Africa and global development work. Through a conversation between Moky and Shaheen Kassim-Lakha, participants can draw learnings that can be applied to the narrative shifts that are essential for the future of philanthropic partnerships in the Global South.

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2:30 PM

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North Dining Room



Workshop Series III

Supporting Indigenous Sovereignty to Address Climate Change

Solange Bandiaky-Badji, President and Coordinator, Rights and Resources Initiative (RRI)

David Rothschild, Senior Director, Partnerships, Nia Tero

Lisa Spalding, Senior Partner, The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI)

This workshop will tease out how to be an effective funder for indigenous self-determination, and key practices and approaches that have been successful in supporting local, indigenous-led organizations and movements. Speakers will share a wide range of experiences working with Indigenous funds, organizations, and leaders, sharing both challenges and opportunities.

How to Use Impact Investing to Reach Your Social Impact Goals

Andrew Behar, CEO, As You Sow

Margot Brandenburg, Senior Program Officer, Ford Foundation

Lisa Hayles, Director of International Shareholder Advocacy, Trillium Asset Management

Ellen Remmer, Senior Partner, The Philanthropic Initiative (TPI) (Moderator)

This workshop is focused on how to align your investment portfolio to achieve greater impact in advancing the social issues you care most about, whether your philanthropy is focused on climate change, women and girls, global health, or other issues. Funders have more financial tools than philanthropic dollars. Learn how to leverage all your assets in ways that are impactful and make a positive difference.

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4:00 PM
Lobby & Atrium

Funding Beyond Identities

Diana Samarasan, Independent Consultant, former Founding Executive Director of Disability Rights Fund
Catherine Townsend, Senior Advisor for Disability Inclusion, Ford Foundation

This workshop will introduce participants to new ideas about how philanthropy can move beyond siloed identity funding. Participants will think about practical steps they can take to strengthen how their grantmaking recognizes multiple, fluid, and intersectional identities. Developed from the joint work of the session facilitators in disability justice funding, goals of the workshop include identifying connections between each other and each other's work, building a common understanding of how and why philanthropy needs to rethink identity-based funding, and providing practical tools to apply intersectional grantmaking practices.

Philanthropy's Role in Ukraine: Supporting the Future of Democracy and Civil Society

Dora Chomiak, CEO, Razom for Ukraine
Nicholas S. Deychakiwsky, Senior Program Officer for Civil Society, Charles Stewart Mott Foundation
Melinda Haring, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council
Inna Pidluska, Deputy Executive Director, International Renaissance Foundation
Anthony Richter, Director of Special Initiatives, Open Society Foundations

The war in Ukraine has wider implications for the future of democracy and civil society globally. This workshop will examine the broader geopolitical importance of the war in Ukraine and how philanthropic support will help to shape the future of global democracy and freedom. Frontline speakers will also share on-the-ground perspectives on how the needs in Ukraine are evolving as the war moves from humanitarian disaster to conflict zone to a post-war reconstruction phase.

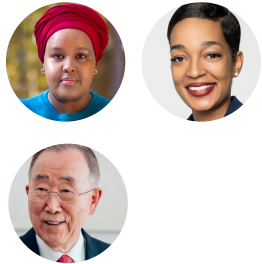
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Closing Keynote: Mobilizing the Next Level of Climate Action

Nasra Ismail, International Development Consultant (moderator)

Jhannel Tomlinson, Co-Founder, GirlsCARE Jamaica, and Advisory Committee Member, Feminist Activism and Climate Justice, Global Fund for Women

Ban Ki Moon, 8th Secretary-General of the United Nations (video message)

In this closing keynote, Nasra Ismail and Jhannel Tomlinson will consider the important role of women and girls in all levels of government – local to global – to generate rapid action on climate change. Jhannel will share the work of her NGO in Jamaica and how this relates to efforts she is involved in through the United Nations. She and Nasra will weave together key themes of the overall Symposium including youth engagement, courage for action, and narrative shifts, and highlight how funders can become a part of the next level of climate action.

5:00 PM

Auditorium



Closing Remarks

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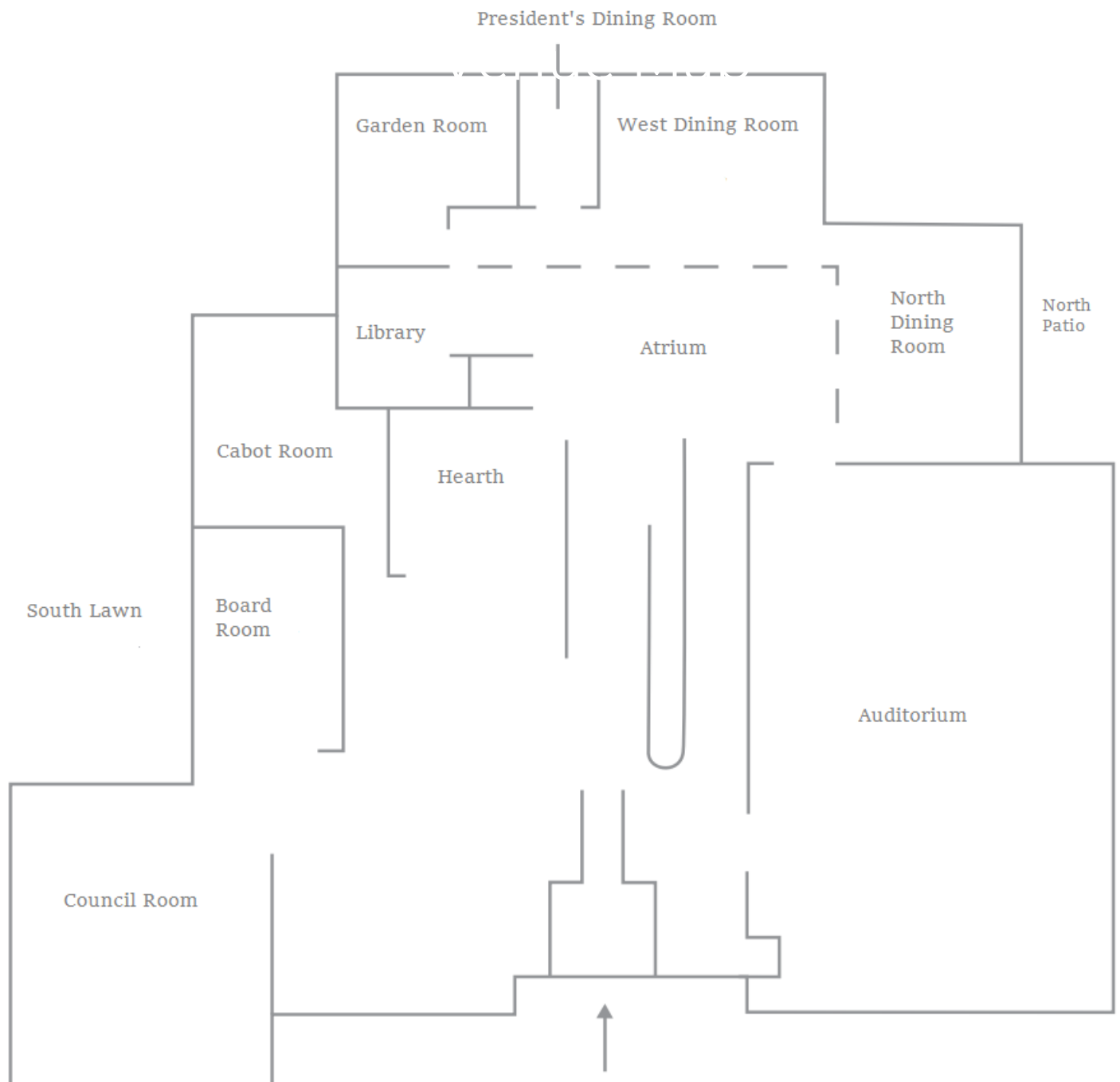
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