Taking a comprehensive approach in response to COVID-19 and financing the SDGs.

SDG Philanthropy Platform Digital Event

When: UNGA75 | September 22, 2020, 8.30am-10.00am (EST).

Human development—the combined measure of the world’s education, health, and living standards—is on course to decline in 2020, for the first time since measurement began. With up to 100 million more people being pushed into extreme poverty in 2020, 1.4 billion children affected by school closures, and more than 700 thousand confirmed deaths from COVID-19 as of early August, the pandemic is hitting all human development dimensions hard, in all countries.

Governments and societies face unprecedented policy, regulatory and fiscal choices as they act to save lives and set a course for a sustainable future. The philanthropic reaction to COVID-19 pandemic has been remarkable in coordinating grant-making from individuals, foundations, and corporations to urgently address the response to the crisis. CANDID outlines that over USD $11.4 billion were mobilized from 789 funders and 5996 grants worldwide. By April, the total philanthropic commitment amount represented 38% of the total USD $26 billion raised for COVID-19 relief funds.

A forward-looking response to COVID-19 could end an era where one third of all food produced is wasted while 1 in 10 people goes hungry, where 10 times more is spent on fossil fuel subsidies than on renewable energy, and where more than two billion people live in fragility, conflict or violence. It could transform the lives of those who were out of school, out of work, offline and off the grid, even before the virus spread.

UNDP leads the United Nations’ socio-economic response on the ground and ensures that this unprecedented opportunity will be utilized to build an inclusive and sustainable future for all. The participation of philanthropic actors is key in the task to address national development challenges to overcome the post-COVID-19 crisis. The SDG Philanthropy Platform aim to explore donors’ potential to create, accelerate and promote multi-stakeholder partnerships and collaborations to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all.

In this context, the event organizing partners: SDG Philanthropy Platform, UNDP, WINGS, CAF America, and the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy, Indiana University, are hosting interactive panel discussion to explore how philanthropic organizations can take a comprehensive approach to financing the socio-economic response to COVID-19 and the SDGs, and what actions must be taken in order to achieve this. The digital event is supported by the United Nations Office for Partnerships.

**Target audience:** Public. Please join the event [HERE](#) Passcode: SDGPP

**Agenda**

- **Introduction to panel by moderator:** Amir Pasic, Dean and Professor of Philanthropic Studies, Indiana University Lilly Family School of Philanthropy
- **UNDP:** Opening event framing remarks by Marcos Neto, Director Finance Sector Hub, UNDP
- **Lilly Family School of Philanthropy:** Una Osili, Associate Dean for Research and International Programs; Professor of Economics and Philanthropic Studies
- **CAF America:** Kinga Ile, Vice President, Thought Leadership and Communications Charities Aid Foundation of America
- **WINGS:** Nadya Hernández, Programs Manager, WINGS

- **Q&A with the audience**
- **Closing remarks by Moderator.**

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