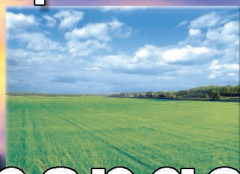
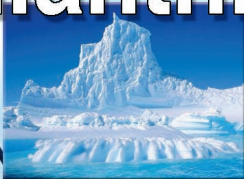


INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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Global Philanthropists - Partners for a Knowledge based Response to Climate Change



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BACKGROUND

Global challenges, in particular **climate change**, require new, committed and global problem solving alliances. In light of the unprecedented magnitude of the challenges humanity is facing today, innovative and strong approaches are needed – **partnership-oriented approaches** from public authorities, international organisations, business, civil society, the scientific community and last but not least, **philanthropists**.*

As we live in 21st century in **global information and knowledge societies**, knowledge generation, dissemination and utilization has to be placed at the center of global concerted action in climate change mitigation and adaptation.**

Philanthropists worldwide have a unique role to play in this arena. First of all, they have the ability to **complement the work of public authorities and international organisations**. Their vision is neither limited by short-term electoral nor business considerations.

Philanthropists have the freedom to **think outside the box**. This freedom can lead to optimised results, as it offers advantages of speed and scope to implement more effective responses to global challenges.

Philanthropists have the necessary **means to finance programmes** which are consensually identified as appropriate responses to global challenges. Philanthropists can contribute to the building of human capacity worldwide to disseminate knowledge about behaviour that is appropriate to safeguard our common global future.

The **US and EU** are the origin of most **international philanthropic giving worldwide**, but there are players in **other regions of the world** that are beginning to step up. For these new actors, global issues such as climate change, mitigation, and adaptation, as well as the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) etc. are high on the agenda.

With this international conference, we hope to identify areas in which philanthropists, together with the above mentioned stakeholders and all concerned citizens, can **work together to safeguard our world**.

OBJECTIVES

- **Encourage cooperation among philanthropic organisations** worldwide to respond to global challenges, in particular that of climate change
- **Promote partnership** between philanthropic organisations, governments, the EU, the United Nations and other key stakeholders to address global challenges
- **Highlight the role of foundations in advancing research, innovation and human capacity-building for knowledge-based responses to global challenges** and identify and develop appropriate mechanisms of philanthropic funding for activities in this field. The European Forum on Philanthropy and Research Funding www.efc.be/projects/eu/efprf/ will be a central point of departure for discussion
- **Identify practices and approaches** and trigger innovative and partnership-oriented actions with new actors

* A **philanthropist** is someone who engages in philanthropy. Philanthropy is the act of donating money, goods, time, or effort to support a charitable cause. Philanthropy is very often institutionalised in foundations.

** With regard to the **aspect of investing in science/knowledge**, the international conference "Global Philanthropists - Partners for a Knowledge-based Response to Climate Change" can be seen as a follow-up to the international conference and ministerial round table "**Why Invest in Science in South Eastern Europe?**" www.investsciencesee.info organized by Slovenian Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office Ljubljana and UNESCO Venice Office in Ljubljana/Slovenia in September 2006. The Portorož conference chooses a thematic focus (Climate Change) instead of the regional focus on South Eastern Europe, highlights the role of philanthropists as especially interesting »new« partners for promotion of knowledge based sustainable development and **calls for a stronger global perspective of all relevant stakeholders**.

PROGRAMME (AS OF 12 MAY 2008)

SUNDAY 1 JUNE

17:00 SESSION I: WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

WELCOME MESSAGES

CHAIR: MIROSLAV POLZER, Head of Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office Ljubljana

- Janez Podobnik**, Minister of the Environment and Spatial Planning, Republic of Slovenia
(on behalf of Mr. Janez Janša, Prime Minister of the Republic of Slovenia)
- Mojca Kucler Dolinar**, Minister of Higher Education, Science and Technology,
Republic of Slovenia
- Emílio Rui Vilar**, President of the Board of Trustees, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian
and European Foundation Centre Chair (as of June 2008)
- Robert C Orr**, Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Strategic Planning,
United Nations (video-message)

THEMATIC INTRODUCTION

CHAIR: EMÍLIO RUI VILAR, Fundação Calouste Gulbenkian & European Foundation Centre

- Pierre Friedlingstein**, Laboratory of Climate and Environmental Sciences, France &
Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change IPCC
- Climate Change – an unprecedented Challenge to Mankind
- Nebojša Nakićenović**, International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA, Austria)
- Global Environmental Change Research: What knowledge is needed, what is available, where are the gaps?
- Jerome C. Glenn**, Director of the “Millennium Project” of the World Federation of UN Associations
- Institutional and Technological Innovations to address Climate Change
- Wilhelm Krull**, Secretary General, VolkswagenStiftung and EFC Chair (June 2006 - June 2008)
- European perspectives on the new challenges for global philanthropy
- Kristin Lindsey**, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Council on Foundations
- International giving and inter-institutional cooperation/partnering: US foundation trends

20:00 RECEPTION

hosted by **Mr. Danilo Türk**, President of the Republic of Slovenia (to be confirmed)

MONDAY 2 JUNE

09:00 - 10:30 SESSION II: PHILANTHROPY CHALLENGED BY CLIMATE CHANGE

CHAIR: GERRY SALOLE, Chief Executive, European Foundation Centre

- Beatrice Schell**, Environmental Programme Officer, The Oak Foundation
- Current and prospective responses to climate change by philanthropic institutions in Europe
- Stephen Heintz**, President, Rockefeller Brothers Fund
- Tackling climate change - time for an end to for philanthropic institutions' 'business as usual' attitude
- Ulrich Witte**, Deutsche Bundesstiftung Umwelt
- Financing Knowledge Based Responses to Climate Change: Experiences from Germany

10:30 - 11:00 COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK

11:00 - 12:30 SESSION III: PHILANTHROPISTS AS PARTNERS FOR FUNDING OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION & CAPACITY-BUILDING

CHAIR: FRANCI DEMŠAR, Director, Slovenian Research Agency

Pier Mario Vello, Secretary General, Fondazione Cariplo & Chair of The European Forum on Philanthropy and Research Funding

- The European Forum on Philanthropy and Research Funding as an example of good practice of philanthropy partnering with the European Commission

Cor Katerberg, Dutch Ministry of Education, Culture and Science

- Partnering of European Science Policy Makers with Philanthropy/Foundations with regard to Research Funding: Policy Coordination Challenges

Edvard Kobal, Slovenian Science Foundation

- Developing a Culture of Philanthropic Giving for Research and Scientific Capacity Building: The Slovenian Case

Sara Farley, Science and Technology Strategist – Consultant to World Bank, UNCTAD & UNIDO, New York

- Philanthropists'/Donors' Support to Innovation, Science, and Technology in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and its Implications for Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

12:30 - 14:00 LUNCHBREAK & Know-how Exchange / Exhibition (find more information below)

14:00 - 15:00 SESSION IV: AWARDS AS AN INSTRUMENT FOR THE PROMOTION OF KNOWLEDGE-BASED RESPONSES TO CLIMATE CHANGE

CHAIR: BLAŽ GOLOB, Director, Center for eGovernance Development, Ljubljana

Wolfgang Neumann, President & Founder of The Energy Globe Award

- The Energy Globe Award

Miroslav Polzer, Head of Austrian Science and Research Liaison Office (ASO) Ljubljana and Secretary General of International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges IAAI

- Presentation of the Outline of a “Global Challenges World Cup – Climate Protection World Cup”

Discussion - brainstorming session on how awards may be used as an incentive for foundations to take up climate change activities and on related coordination/knowledge management issues

15:00 - 15:30 COFFEE & NETWORKING BREAK

15:30 - 17:00 SESSION V: THE NEED FOR INNOVATIVE PHILANTHROPIC ENGAGEMENT AND FOR ENGAGING NEW ACTORS AND UNUSUAL MECHANISMS

CHAIR: PETER VOLASKO, Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Republic of Slovenia

Luc Tayart de Borms, Managing Director, King Baudouin Foundation

- Innovative ways of transatlantic cooperation with philanthropists - the Alliance for International Giving

Vlado Dimovski, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia, and Balkan Youth Forum

- Philanthropic initiatives in new EU member states

Josef Hochgerner, Scientific Director, Centre for Social Innovation, Vienna

- Knowledge-based social innovations and the need for new forms of partnerships

Evert Kok, United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO)

- Innovation for Sustainable Development: UNIDO's Approach

19:30 DINNER WITH CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT sponsored by Studio Moderna

TUESDAY 3 JUNE

09:00 - 11:30 SESSION VI: PARTNERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

This session aims at providing space for interaction, idea incubation and partnership development.

TOPICS:

- Philanthropists as Partners of Global Environmental Change Scientific Community & Science and Technology Policy Makers

Introductory statement: SARA FARLEY, Science and Technology Strategist, New York

- Philanthropists as Partners of Environmental and Development NGOs (especially with regard to Climate Change Awareness Raising, Scientific Capacity Building, examples from Western Balkan region etc.)

Introductory statement: JERNEJ STRITIH, UMANOTERA - The Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development

- Philanthropists as Partners in Research Infrastructure Development in non-EU countries: The Slovenian EU Presidency Initiative Potočnik-Noordung Award as a Starting Point of a Learning Process

Introductory statement: JANA KOLAR, consultant to Slovenian Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology

- Philanthropists and Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) Schemes for Building Knowledge Societies

Introductory statement: BORIS CIZELJ, director of Slovenian Business and Research Association

- Philanthropists as Partners of Foresight/Futures & Governance Studies in United Nations Context and Regional (SEE) Context

Introductory statement: ANA JAKIL, Austrian Federal Chancellery – Bled Forum on Europe Association – International Association for the Advancement of Innovative Approaches to Global Challenges (IAAI)

11:30 - 12:30 CONCLUSIONS & CLOSING REMARKS – END OF CONFERENCE



KNOW HOW EXCHANGE / EXHIBITION SPACE:

If you are a representative of a philanthropic organisation or have implemented in cooperation with a philanthropic organisation a project/programme on knowledge based responses to climate change **you are invited to prepare a poster about your work or to send us information packages** (brochures, reports etc.) about your work to be presented at the International Conference „Global Philanthropists - Partners for a Knowledge-based Response to Climate Change“ on Monday June 2 during Lunch break.

The address for advance shipment of **presentation material** is:

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