

**International Human Rights Funders Group Semi-Annual Meeting  
January 12-13, 2004  
The Commonwealth Club of California  
595 Market Street, San Francisco, CA 94105  
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**A G E N D A**

<b>Monday, January 12</b>
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8:30-9:00am                      *Breakfast*

9:00-9:10am                      *Welcoming Remarks from the Steering Committee*  
Surita Sandosham, Rockefeller Foundation

9:10-12:00pm                      *Human Rights Education Session*  
Facilitator: Sara K. Gould, Ms. Foundation for Women

**“Women's Rights: Bridging the CPR-ESCR Divide”**

The fact that women bear the brunt of human rights violations in all forms – civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights – is well known. Less well known and largely unrecognized is the contribution that proponents of women's rights have made to advancing the broader human rights agenda by focusing on the most vulnerable members of societies around the world, and recognizing the indivisibility, inter-relatedness and universality of the full spectrum of human rights in practice. A panel of women's rights practitioners will illuminate the historical role women's rights groups have played in advancing international human rights in practice; the lessons that women's experience holds for other human rights activists; the gains that have been made; and the challenges that remain.

**Emilienne de León**

*Executive Director*

Semillas - Sociedad Mexicana por los Derechos de la Mujer  
Mexico City, MEXICO

**Leni Marin**

*Managing Director*

Family Violence Prevention Fund  
San Francisco, CA

**Karen Musalo**

*Director*

Center for Gender and Refugee Studies  
Univ. of California, Hastings College of the Law  
San Francisco, CA

12:00-1:00pm                      *Lunch*

1:00-3:00pm                      *Working Groups - Breakouts*  
*(Groups will meet concurrently then report back.)*  
Shalini Nataraj, Reebok Human Rights Foundation

**Leveraging New Funds to Support Human Rights**

*Large meeting room*

Co-facilitators: Michael Hirschhorn, Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation  
Miriam Porter, Consultant to IHRFG

**Fund for Global Human Rights**

*Small meeting room*

Facilitator: Regan Ralph, Fund for Global Human Rights

**Films**

*Conference room*

▪ **“If Hope Were Enough”**

Produced by Women's Caucus for Gender Justice, in association with WITNESS

▪ **“Out of the Shadows: A Film on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights”**

Film by Magic Lantern Foundation; Produced by International Human Rights Internship Program

3:00-3:30pm

*Break*

**3:30-5:00pm**

***Programming Trends Session***

Facilitator: Steven Riskin, U.S. Institute of Peace

Taking stock: The good, the bad and the ugly news about human rights funding. This is our opportunity to share the latest information about our foundations' grantmaking and to learn about others'. We especially hope to hear from our Canadian, European, Asian and African members.

**7:00pm**

***Dinner -- Commonwealth Club***

(You must be signed up to attend.)

<b>Tuesday, January 13</b>
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8:30-9:00am

*Breakfast*

**9:00-12:00pm**

***Networking Session***

Facilitator: John Kowal, Open Society Institute

**“Funders as Advocates”**

Human rights funders who support the advocacy work of grantees in the field have varying attitudes toward their own role as advocates. Although the primary goal of philanthropy is to elevate the organizations and fields we support, when is it desirable for funders to engage in advocacy in their own right? This panel will examine a range of advocacy roles and consider the pros and cons.

**Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi**

*Executive Director*

African Women's Development Fund  
Accra, GHANA

**Harriet S. Barlow**

*Advisor*

HKH Foundation  
Blue Mountain Lake, NY

**Mark Schmitt**

*Director of Policy and Research for the US Programs*  
Open Society Institute

New York, NY

**Kirke Wilson**

*President*

Rosenberg Foundation  
San Francisco, CA

12:00-1:30pm

*Lunch ... and **The Funders' Soapbox!***

Facilitator: Valentine Doyle, Lawson Valentine Foundation

An opportunity for participants to speak extemporaneously on their philanthropic passions (people, projects or programs), promote a favorite organization, appeal for advice, etc.!

1:30-3:00pm

**Working Groups - Breakouts**

*(Groups will meet concurrently without report back.)*

Mona Younis, Mertz Gilmore Foundation

**Responding to U.S. Treasury Guidelines**

*Large meeting room*

Co-Facilitators: Conrad Martin, Stewart R. Mott Charitable Trust  
Melanie Oliviero, Consultant to Grantmakers Without Borders

**U.S. Human Rights**

*Small meeting room*

Co-Facilitators: Dorothy Thomas, Shaler-Adams Foundation  
Larry Cox, Ford Foundation  
John Kowal, Open Society Institute

**Film**

*Conference room*

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3:00-3:15pm

*Break*

3:15-4:45pm

**Business Meeting Session**

Facilitator: Michael Hirschhorn, Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation

- Old Business: July 2003 meeting decisions
- Annual Report - 2003
- Moving Forward - 2004
- Visit to Office of UNHCHR in Geneva
- Next three meetings: Where, When, What and How