

REGIONS IN TRANSITION: PROTECTING HUMAN RIGHTS



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JANUARY 24-25, 2012

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JANUARY 23, 2012

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24			
8:00-9:00 am Telegraph Hill	Conference Registration, Breakfast, and Member-Organized Meetings: • Where is the Money for Women's Rights?		
9:00-9:30 am	Opening and Welcome		
9:30 am-12:00 pm Savoy	Opening Plenary: Flourish or Wilt: Taking Stock of Women's Human Rights in an Era of Revolutionary Political Change		
12:00-1:30 pm 1:00-1:30 pm	Lunch, including Welcome Lunch for New Attendees The Funders' Soapbox		
1:30-3:00 pm Savoy Russian Hill	Concurrent Member-Sponsored Sessions: A Debate on Impact: Single-Issue vs. Multi-Issue Organizations Defending Resource Rights: Innovative Strategies from		
3:00-3:15 pm	Brazil, India and Beyond Break		
3:15-4:45 pm	Concurrent Member-Sponsored Sessions:		
Savoy Russian Hill	 Soldiers and Prisoners: Sexual Violence in Closed Institutions Hacked, Hassled and Silenced: The Grantmaker's Role in Navigating Internet Security 		
5:00-6:15 pm Telegraph Hill	Working Group and Other Member-Organized Meetings: • Human Rights Defenders Working Group		
6:30-7:30 pm Foyer & Russian Hill	Cocktail Reception		
7:30-9:30 pm Savoy	Dinner-Dialogue: Beyond "Occupy": Human Rights and the Global Ninety-Nine Percent		

AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25			
8:00-9:00 am Savoy	Bagels and Brainstorming: IHRFG Strategy Breakfast		
9:00-10:30 am	Concurrent Member-Sponsored Sessions:		
Savoy	Secrecy in the Global Financial System and its Impact on Human Rights and Development		
Russian Hill	Rights, Not Relief: Mainstreaming Refugees and Other Marginalized Populations into Human Rights Grantmaking		
10:30-10:45 am	Break		
10:45 am-12:15 pm	Concurrent Member-Sponsored Sessions:		
Savoy	Up for Grabs: The Impact of Large-Scale Land Acquisitions on Women		
Russian Hill	Remember Troy Davis: Effective Funding and Advocacy Strategies to End the Death Penalty		
12:15-1:30 pm	Lunch, Lunchtime Discussions, & Working Group Meetings:		
Savoy	Latin America Funders Working Group		
Russian Hill	U.S. Human Rights Working Group		
1:30-2:30 pm	Working Group & Other Member-Organized Meetings:		
Savoy	Asia and Pacific Funders Working Group		
Telegraph Hill	Women, Peace, and Security		
2:30-2:45 pm	Break		
2:45-5:00 pm	Closing Plenary:		
Savoy	On the Front Lines: Protecting Human Rights Defenders in Times of Transition		
5:00 pm	Conference Closing		

All events will take place on the 30th floor of the Marriott Hotel Union Square

IHRFG SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE DETAILED AGENDA

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24

8:00-9:00 am REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST

MEMBER-ORGANIZED MEETING:

Telegraph Hill Where is the Money for Women's Rights?

Participants will share their impressions of the preliminary results of the Association of Women's Rights in Development's (AWID) global survey, *Where is the Money for Women's Rights?*, and explore trends and future funding possibilities in support of gender equality.

Guest Speaker:

Angelika Arutyunova, Manager, "Where is the Money for Women's Rights?" Initiative, AWID; Founding Advisor, FRIDA: Young Feminist Fund

Facilitators:

- Katrin Wilde, Executive Director, Channel Foundation
- Annie Hillar, Director of Programmes, Mama Cash

9:00-9:30 am CONFERENCE OPENING AND WELCOME

Savoy

IHRFG Steering Committee Members:

- Lesley Carson, Director, International Human Rights Program, Wellspring Advisors
- James Logan, Programme Officer, International Human Rights Programme, Oak Foundation

9:30 am-12:00 pm OPENING PLENARY

Savoy

Flourish or Wilt: Taking Stock of Women's Human Rights in an Era of Revolutionary Political Change

In countries from Sierra Leone to Kyrgyzstan, reconstruction processes, political transitions, and transitional justice mechanisms hold the potential for advancing women's rights. Yet, after years of war and repression by autocratic regimes, violence against women has intensified and women seem to be increasingly excluded from decision-making tables. At the same time, women have been at the forefront of revolutions, contributing to peace-building and organizing efforts to achieve justice. On this panel, women working on the frontlines in Egypt, Kyrgyzstan, Sierra Leone, and Tunisia will share their experiences promoting and defending women's human rights. This session aims to help funders become more responsive in times of political transition, exploring strategies for ensuring that women's rights activists are well-positioned to play key roles in the formation of new governments and in seizing the moment for lasting transformative change.

Session Organizers: Annie Hillar, Director of Programmes, Mama Cash; Zeina Zaatari, Regional Director, Middle East and North Africa, Global Fund for Women

Facilitators: Zeina Zaatari, Regional Director, Middle East and North Africa, Global Fund for Women; Nicky McIntyre, Executive Director, Mama Cash

Panelists:

- Nawla Darwiche, Co-Founder and Board Member, New Woman Foundation (Egypt)
- Nurgul Dzhanaeva, President, Forum for Women's NGOs of Kyrgyzstan
- Sabrina Mahtani, Executive Director, Advocaid (Sierra Leone)
- Nadia Sraieb-Koepp, Co-Founder, Engagement Citoyen (Tunisia); Press Officer, United Nations

9:30 am-12:00 pm OPENING PLENARY, CONTINUED...

Savoy

Flourish or Wilt: Taking Stock of Women's Human Rights in an Era of Revolutionary Political Change

Sponsors:





12:00-1:30 pm

Foyer

12:00-1:30 pm

Savoy

FUNDERS ONLY LUNCH

WELCOME LUNCH FOR NEW ATTENDEES

Is this conference your first IHRFG educational event? Join fellow newcomers, IHRFG Steering Committee members Emily Martinez and Diana Samarasan, and IHRFG staff to learn more about IHRFG and all its opportunities.

Old-timers and those wishing to (re-)connect are also welcome!

1:00-1:30 pm

Savoy

FUNDERS ONLY

FUNDERS' SOAPBOX

Join this "open mic" opportunity to speak extemporaneously on your philanthropic passions, promote a favorite project or organization, appeal for advice, announce an event, etc.!

Moderator: Kica Matos, Head, U.S. Reconciliation and Human Rights Program, Atlantic Philanthropies; IHRFG Steering Committee Member

1:30-3:00 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Savoy

A Debate on Impact: Single-Issue vs. Multi-Issue Organizations

What has a greater impact on human rights: funding single-issue organizations or multi-issue organizations? Come ready to argue – and challenge – the benefits and drawbacks of these two approaches. Each team, composed of one funder and one grantee, will face off in a lively debate on one of the hottest topics in philanthropy. Many foundations maintain that grantees who work on a single issue bring greater focus, depth and expertise to their priority area, and thus greater impact. Other foundations believe that grantees who work across issues build more alliances and a broader base of support, which increases the scale of their impact. Participants will be challenged, through dynamic and interactive exercises, to make the case for each approach and to provide examples of how they can move each strategy within their institutions.

Session Organizers: Vanessa Daniel, Executive Director, Groundswell Fund; Shira Saperstein, Deputy Director / Program Director, Women's Rights and Reproductive Health, The Moriah Fund

Facilitator: Heidi Dorow, Program Officer, Wellspring Advisors

Panelists:

- Vanessa Daniel, Executive Director, Groundswell Fund
- Masen Davis, Executive Director, Transgender Law Center
- Randall Miller, Senior Program Officer, The Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund
- Eveline Shen, Executive Director, Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice

Sponsors:







1:30-3:00 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS, CONTINUED...

Russian Hill

Defending Resource Rights: Innovative Strategies from Brazil, India and Beyond

Without the rights to land, water and food, human life on earth is simply not feasible. Yet climate change, the food crisis, and increasing resource inequalities are creating serious challenges for people, especially in the Global South. At the same time, dynamic social movements and communities in the Global South are developing and replicating creative and highly effective solutions for thousands of rural communities – and beyond. This workshop highlights two exciting examples from Brazil and India, where communities are defending and expanding the right to land, water and food. Participants will have the opportunity to explore implications and strategies for their work as funders.

Session Organizer: Jonathan Leaning, Institutional Giving and Communications Coordinator, Grassroots International

Facilitator: Yeshica Weerasekera, Director of Program Partnerships, International Development Exchange (IDEX)

Panelists:

- Maria-Luisa Mendonça, Director, Social Network for Justice and Human Rights (Rede Social, Brazil)
- Sara Mersha, Director of Grantmaking and Advocacy, Grassroots International
- Prakash Tyagi, Director, Gravis (India)

Sponsors:





3:00-3:15 pm BREAK

3:15-4:45 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Savoy

Soldiers and Prisoners: Sexual Violence in Closed Institutions

Violence in institutional settings is often assumed to be gender neutral. This session will examine the startling rates of violence in two particular institutional settings: the military and the prison system. Panelists will explore the deep and systemic sexism and homophobia that often underlies abuse while also examining the overlap and connections between homophobia and sexism. Funders in the fields of criminal justice, immigrant rights, women's rights, and LGBT rights will explore the linkages between their work and that of the featured panelists. The panel will also include discussion on taking an "intersectional approach" to grantmaking — a strategy relevant to all human rights funders.

Session Organizers: Heidi Dorow, Program Officer, Wellspring Advisors; Puja Dhawan, Manager, Initiatives for Women and Girls, Novo Foundation; Pamela Shifman, Director, Initiatives for Women and Girls, NoVo Foundation

Facilitator: Matt Foreman, Program Director, The Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund

Panelists:

- Anu Bhagwati, Executive Director, Service Women's Action Network (SWAN)
- Lovisa Stannow, Executive Director, Just Detention International

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NoVo Foundation

3:15-4:45 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS, CONTINUED...

Russian Hill Hacked, Hassled and Silenced: The Grantmaker's Role in Navigating Internet Security

Human rights advocates are increasingly concerned about their digital security, and for good reason. While mobile phones and the internet can be extremely powerful tools for advancing a human rights agenda, they also present new risks for a group that is already quite vulnerable. As more advocates are deploying digital technology to achieve their outreach, data-collection, information design, communication and mobilization objectives, these risks have become more severe. What can grantmakers do to minimize risk for their grantees operating online? This discussion will explore the human rights implications of using new technologies, and the legal environment that governs them.

Session Organizer: Kahtleen Reen, Vice-President for Asia, Environment, and New Media, Internews

Panelists:

- Bob Boorstin, Director of Public Policy, Google
- Kathleen Reen, Vice-President for Asia, Environment, and New Media, Internews

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5:00-6:15 pm IHRFG WORKING GROUP AND OTHER MEMBER-ORGANIZED MEETINGS

Telegraph Hill Human Rights Defenders Working Group

Join us as we continue our discussion on the working group's future directions. We will explore ways to use the working group listserv and other resources to further our goals, and share members' recent work in support of HRDs.

6:30-7:30 pm

COCKTAIL RECEPTION

Foyer & Russian Hill

7:30-9:30 pm

DINNER-DIALOGUE

Savoy

Beyond "Occupy": Human Rights and the Global Ninety-Nine Percent

Economic inequality. Money in politics. Corporate accountability. How can funders draw momentum from the global "Occupy" movement and build off its broader human rights themes in a meaningful and sustainable way?

A conversation with:



Ellen Dorsey, Executive Director, Wallace Global Fund



Maria Poblet, Executive Director, Just Cause

Moderated by:



Jenifer Fernandez Ancona, Senior Director of Membership & Communications, Women Donors Network

8:00-9:00 am Savov

BAGELS AND BRAINSTORMING: IHRFG STRATEGY BREAKFAST

FUNDERS ONLY We need you for your mind. **Join IHRFG's Steering Committee and staff** to discuss ways in which IHRFG can best "move the needle" in the field of human rights grantmaking.

Facilitator: Emily Martinez, Director, Special Initiatives, Open Society Foundations

9:00-10:30 am CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Russian Hill

Rights, Not Relief: Mainstreaming Refugees and Other Marginalized Populations into Human Rights Grantmaking

Why – and how – should funders apply a human rights lens to the problems facing refugees and other marginalized populations? Refugees – often regarded as problems rather than as people with rights – offer an ideal case study for a human rights-based approach to funding solutions. The lessons can also be applied to women, children, LGBTI and indigenous peoples, and others whose concerns are frequently marginalized in mainstream human rights conversations. Participants will gain an understanding of the status of the human rights of refugees in law and practice, and specific tools for incorporating refugees and other marginalized populations into their grantmaking.

Session Organizers: Shira Saperstein, Deputy Director / Program Director, Women's Rights and Reproductive Health, The Moriah Fund; Emily Arnold-Fernandez, Executive Director, Asylum Access

Facilitator: Shira Saperstein, Deputy Director / Program Director, Women's Rights and Reproductive Health, The Moriah Fund

Panelists:

- Emily Arnold-Fernandez, Executive Director, Asylum Access
- Karen Musalo, Professor of Law; Director, Center for Gender and Refugee Studies, University of California-Hastings College of Law

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9:00-10:30 am CONCURRENT SESSIONS, CONTINUED...

Savoy

Secrecy in the Global Financial System and its Impact on Human Rights and Development

Secret bank accounts, shell corporations, anonymous trusts, and fraudulent foundations. An interconnected web of financial loopholes helps facilitate the movement and laundering of more than \$1 trillion annually across the globe. Millions of "ordinary" citizens are left destitute, public services are crippled, and human rights are violated as money, which should be destined for development and essential services, finds its way into private, often off-shore, bank accounts. The situation has deteriorated to such a degree that corporations as well as criminals use the same mechanisms to shield their money. This session will examine how financial secrecy jurisdictions enable "dirty money" to flow freely around the world, endangering human rights and security. Participants will explore grantmaking strategies to promote greater transparency and accountability in the global financial system.

Session Organizer: Conrad Martin, Executive Director, Stewart R. Mott Foundation

Facilitator: Conrad Martin, Executive Director, Stewart R. Mott Foundation

Panelists:

- Corinna Gilfillan, Head of U.S. Office, Global Witness
- Nicole Tichon, Executive Director, Tax Justice Network USA
- Tom Cardamone, Managing Director, Global Financial Integrity

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10:30-10:45 am BRFAK

10:45 am-12:15 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Savoy

Up for Grabs: The Impact of Large-Scale Land Acquisitions on Women

Large-scale land acquisitions throughout the Global South threaten the human rights of local populations, especially women. This session will explore the causes of the recent spike in land investments by foreign governments and corporations, implications for social justice and economic development, and the specific impact on women's rights. Panelists will present perspectives from Africa and Latin America and discuss appropriate and effective funding strategies for addressing this issue. This session includes media presentations showcasing work at the grassroots level. Participants will be invited to share their own grantmaking experiences in Africa and Latin America and to brainstorm how they might address the broader human rights challenges posed by land acquisitions.

Session Organizers: Maitri Moraji, Program Officer, Wellspring Advisors; Terry Odendahl, Executive Director, Global Greengrants Fund

Facilitator: Peter Kostishack, Director of Programs, Global Greengrants Fund

Panelists:

- Ruth Meinzen-Dick, Senior Research Fellow, International Food Policy Research Institute
- Miriam Miranda, General Coordinator, OFRANEH (National Black Fraternal Organization of Hondurus)
- Fred Nelson, Executive Director, Maliasili Initiatives

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IHRFG Environment and Human Rights Working Group



10:45 am-12:15 pm CONCURRENT SESSIONS, CONTINUED...

Russian Hill

Remember Troy Davis: Effective Funding and Advocacy Strategies to End the Death Penalty

Ending the death penalty is a central goal of the human rights community in the United States. This inhuman and degrading punishment represents the ultimate denial of human rights within the criminal justice system. Participants in this session will examine how funders and advocates can effectively work together to advance human rights in both domestic and international contexts. Leading funders and advocates will provide an overview of collaborative grantmaking strategies currently in use to repeal the death penalty. The session will also use a current campaign in California as a case study, highlighting lessons and strategies applicable in other issue areas.

Session Organizers: Anuja Mendiratta, Program Advisor for the Race Gender Human Rights Fund of the Women's Foundation of California; Natasha Minsker, Death Penalty Policy Director, ACLU of Northern California

Facilitator: Steve Phillips, Member, Race Gender Human Rights Fund of the Women's Foundation of California

Panelists:

- Kica Matos, Head, U.S. Reconciliation and Human Rights Program, Atlantic Philanthropies
- Natasha Minsker, Death Penalty Policy Director, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Northern California
- Jeanne Woodford, Executive Director, Death Penalty Focus

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IHRFG U.S. Human Rights Working Group

12:15-1:30 pm LUNCH, LUNCHTIME DISCUSSIONS, & WORKING GROUP MEETINGS

Savoy

Latin America Funders Working Group

Join the guest speakers to learn more about the challenges facing human rights defenders in Mexico and Central America, and about some initiatives to support and protect them.

Guest Speakers:

- Lydia Alpizar, Executive Director, Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID)
- Claudia Samayoa, Founder, Guatemalan Human Rights Defenders Protection Unit (Guatemala)

Russian Hill

U.S. Accountability for Human Rights Violations Abroad and At Home

The reputation of the United States as a promoter of human rights at home and abroad is increasingly stained with charges of impunity and exceptionalism. Join Professor James Cavallaro in a dialogue on strategies for securing human rights accountability in the United States.

Facilitator: Steve Foster, President and CEO, Overbrook Foundation; Chairperson, U.S. Human Rights Fund

Guest Speaker: James Cavallaro, Professor of Law and Director, International Human Rights and Conflict Resolution Clinic, Stanford University

1:30-2:30 pm IHRFG WORKING GROUP AND OTHER MEMBER-ORGANIZED MEETINGS

Telegraph Hill Women, Peace and Security

Join us to explore how funders can promote efforts to bring a gender lens to peace-building and anti-militarism work in philanthropic, activist and policy communities. While this discussion will build on a conversation begun at the Peace and Security Funders Group annual meeting in October 2011, newcomers are very welcome!

Facilitator: Katherine Magraw, Director, Peace and Security Funders Group

Savoy Asia and Pacific Funders Working Group

Working group members will meet to exchange perspectives on recent travels in the region and discuss potential working group activities in 2012.

Facilitator: Navin Moul, Program Officer for Asia, American Jewish World Service (AJWS)

2:30-2:45 pm BREAK

2:45-5:00 pm CLOSING PLENARY

Savoy

On the Front Lines: Protecting Human Rights Defenders in Times of Transition

Human rights defenders face arguably greater threats and challenges in periods of political transition, just as they are playing a particularly crucial role in fostering real and sustainable reforms. Whether social and political transformation leads to major democratic advances or ultimately demonstrates a regime's continued ability to resist reform, the work of human rights defenders is paramount to securing genuine democratic change. How can funders help ensure the safety of rights defenders in rapidly and violently unfolding situations on the ground? What are effective strategies for promoting civil society and protecting human rights defenders during periods of fundamental transition and reform? Frontline activists from Latin America and the Arab region will share personal experiences that highlight the importance of developing strategies for supporting defenders amidst political upheaval. Participants will have the opportunity to explore two of four possible strategies for supporting and protecting human rights defenders in times of transition.

Session Organizer: IHRFG Human Rights Defenders Working Group

Facilitator: David Mattingly, Director of Programs, Fund for Global Human Rights

Panelists:

- Bahey eldin Hassan, General Director, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies (Egypt)
- Romdhani Messaoud, Board Member, Tunisian League for Human Rights (Tunisia)
- Claudia Samayoa, Founder, Guatemalan Human Rights Defenders Protection Unit (Guatemala)

2:45-5:00 pm

CLOSING PLENARY, CONTINUED...

On the Front Lines: Protecting Human Rights Defenders in Times of Transition

Strategy Discussion Tables:

Savoy

- **Urgent and Flexible Funding**, facilitated by
 - Anne-Sophie Schaeffer, Program Manager, Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Foundation
 - Romdhani Messaoud, Board Member, Tunisian League for Human Rights

Savoy

- 2. **Regional Hubs**, facilitated by
 - David Mattingly, Director of Programs, Fund for Global **Human Rights**
 - Claudia Samayoa, Founder, Guatemalan Human Rights **Defenders Protection Unit**

Russian Hill

- Unarmed Civilian Peacekeeping, facilitated by 3.
 - Paul Carroll, Program Director, Ploughshare Fund
 - Jit Man Basnet, General Secretary, Lawyers Forum for Human Rights (Nepal)
 - Mel Duncan, Outreach and Advocacy Director, Nonviolent Peaceforce

Telegraph Hill

- Advocacy and Policy Work, facilitated by
 - Jessica Wrenn, Senior Program Officer, American Jewish World Service (AJWS)
 - Bahey eldin Hassan, General Director, Cairo Institute for Human Rights Studies



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5:00 pm

EVALUATION AND CLOSING Savoy

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SAVE THE DATE: IHRFG UPCOMING EVENTS

FUNDER LEARNING VISIT TO THE ARAB REGION
CAIRO, EGYPT
MAY 8-10, 2012

In collaboration with Ariadne – European Human Rights Funders Network



New York Conference & Pre-Conference Institute
New York, New York, USA
July 16-18, 2012



- Institute proposals are currently being accepted through February 10, 2012
- Request for conference session proposals to be distributed in March 2012

TFI FBRIFFINGS

IHRFG & Ariadne-European Human Rights Funders Network: Series on Emerging Rights

- February 9, 10:30-11:30 ET: The Global Financial Crisis and Its Impact on Human Rights
- March 29, 10:30-11:30 ET: Stateless Children
- May 24, 10:30-11:30 ET: Migration and Climate Change
- September 27, 10:30-11:30 ET: Member-led topic (Request for Proposals to be disseminated soon!)

IHRFG & International Funders for Indigenous Peoples: Series on Human Rights, Indigenous People, and Philanthropy

- March 1, 11-12 ET: Indigenous Peoples, Human Rights, and Philanthropy -An Introduction
- April 12, 11-12 ET: Land Grabs in Africa
- June 14, 11-12 ET: "Megaprojects" in Latin America
- September 13, 11-12 ET: Deforestation in Asia

Visit IHRFG's web site for more information: www.ihrfg.org

MAPPING AND ANALYZING HUMAN RIGHTS GRANTMAKING

Come to IHRFG's Bagels and Brainstorming Breakfast on Wednesday, January 25 at 8:00 am to learn more!

- Want to learn more about the grantmaking priorities of your peers?
- Interested in knowing how much money flows annually to your particular issue or country of interest?



In partnership with the Foundation Center, IHRFG will launch two tools for grantmakers in 2012:

- Online interactive visualization of human rights funding: May 2012
- Analysis of global human rights funding: <u>August 2012</u>

Key findings of the research will be shared at IHRFG's New York conference, July 17-18, 2012. See you there!

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IHRFG WORKING GROUPS

IHRFG Working Groups provide members with an opportunity to:

- Share knowledge, ideas, information and grantmaking strategies
- Promote dialogue, collaboration and leveraging of resources
- Increase awareness around the issue, trends and funding opportunities.

IHRFG Working Groups currently include:

Asia and Pacific Funders

Civil Society and Counterterrorism

Disability Rights

Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights

Get Off Your Assets! Mission-Related Investment Strategies for Foundations

Human Rights and the Environment

Human Rights Defenders

Latin America Funders

Sexual Health and Rights

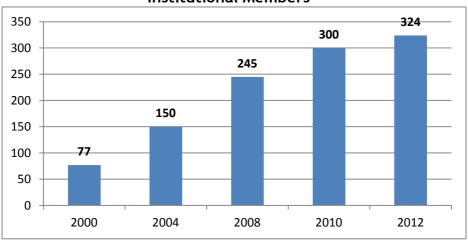
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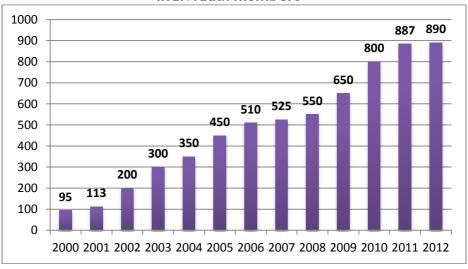
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IHRFG MEMBERSHIP GROWTH (2000-2012)

Institutional Members¹



Individual Members²



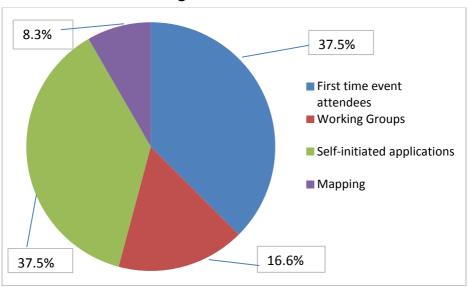
¹ Total numbers of institutional members for 2000, 2004, 2008 include affinity groups and philanthropic support organizations. 2010 and 2012 represent grantmaking institutions only.

² Total numbers of individual IHRFG members include affinity groups and philanthropic support and advisory organizations.

NEW IHRFG MEMBERS IN 2011

- 24 new grantmaking institutions, of which 7 are based outside the U.S.
- Source of new members: IHRFG working groups, first-time event attendees, mapping project outreach, and self-initiated membership applications

Source of Grantmaking Institutions that are NEW to IHRFG



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IHRFG Membership By Region 2012

US-BASED (81.3%)

- <u>East Coast</u>: 48% of institutional membership: 154 institutions; 522 individual members
- <u>West Coast</u>: 27% of institutional membership: 87 institutions; 197 individual members
- Midwest: 2.1% of institutional membership: 7 institutions; 33 individuals
- <u>South/Southwest</u>: 3.8% of institutional membership: 12 institutions; 20 individuals

Non-US-Based (18.7%)

• <u>2011</u>: **18.7%** of institutional membership: **60** institutions; **120** individual members.

Compared to...

• <u>2008</u>: **11.4**% of institutional membership: **28** institutions; **57** individual members.

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Argentina (1)	Ghana (1)	Northern Ireland (1)
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Brazil (2)	Ireland (2)	Senegal (1)
Canada (4)	Jordan (2)	Serbia (1)
China (1)	Kenya (1)	Sri Lanka (1)
Colombia (2)	Lebanon (1)	Sweden (2)
Denmark (1)	Mexico (2)	Switzerland (1)
Finland (2)	Mongolia (1)	Taiwan (1)
France (2)	Nicaragua (1)	Turkey (2)
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