

**International Human Rights Funders Group**  
**July 16-17, 2001**  
**The Carnegie Corporation of New York**  
Tel: 212 371-3200

**Agenda**

**Monday, July 16**

**9:00-9:30am**

*Coffee*

**9:30-9:40am**

*Welcoming Remarks from the Steering Committee*

**Steven Riskin, U.S. Institute of Peace**

**9:40-12:30am**

*Special Projects Session*

Facilitator: Shalini Nataraj, Reebok Foundation

**"Leveraging New Funds to Support Human Rights"**

One of the two consultants who conducted the Leveraging Project research will present their findings. Following a discussion of their recommendations, members will develop a plan of action and timetable for implementing the recommendations adopted.

**Marcia Festen**  
**Consultant**

**12:30-1:30pm**

*Lunch*

**1:30-4:30pm**

*Human Rights Education Session*

Facilitator: Cora Weiss, Samuel Rubin Foundation

**"The Bush Administration's Perspective on Human Rights"**

We will hear directly from a key member of the new administration regarding President Bush's human rights policies. The Under Secretary's comments, and questions from the audience, will be followed by a discussion with two prominent human rights practitioners who will share their views on U.S. human rights policies -- one from the perspective of the global North, the other from the global South.

**Paula J. Dobriansky**  
**Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs**

**Discussants:**

**Abdullahi An-Na'im**  
**Professor**  
**Emory University School of Law**

**Michael Posner**

**Executive Director  
Lawyers Committee for Human Rights**

**7:00pm**

*Dining Out (at own cost)*

**Café St. Bart's**

(outdoors, weather permitting)

Park Avenue between 50<sup>th</sup> and 51<sup>st</sup>

(St. Bartholomew's Church and café occupy entire block)

Tel: 888-2664

**Tuesday, July 17**

**9:00-9:30am**

*Coffee*

**9:30-12:30am**

***Networking Session***

Facilitator: Nancy Stockford, John Merck Fund

**“Capacity-building Grantmaking”**

Three panelists will be “interviewed” by the session facilitator about their capacity-building grantmaking – approaches, successes, failures, lessons learned. In the process of responding to the facilitator's questions, the panelists will have the opportunity to interact with each other and then turn to questions from the audience.

**Larry Cox**

**Ford Foundation**

**Robert Crane**

**Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation**

**Michael Gibbons**

**Banyan Tree Foundation**

**12:30-1:30pm**

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

Facilitator: Steve Cheifetz, Stewart R. Mott Charitable Trust

**Members will have an opportunity to speak extemporaneously on their philanthropic passions (people or ideas), promote a favorite organization, appeal for advice, etc.**

**1:30-4:00pm**

***Business Session***

Coordinator: Mona Younis, Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation

- IHRFG: Mission, Membership and Money

- Sub-group reports:

Direct Funding for Indigenous Human Rights NGOs  
Mary Ann Stein, The Moriah Fund

Economic, Social and Cultural Rights  
Warren Allmand, Rights and Democracy

- Database and Web site
- Information and resource sharing between members
- Council on Foundations 2002 Proposed Session:  
“A Human Rights Approach in Funding: Adding Value to  
Your Grantmaking Program”
- Next two meetings:
  - January 21-22, 2002
  - July \_\_\_, 2002
- Other business:
  - Joining the Steering Committee
  - IHRFG logo
- Meeting evaluation