

**International Human Rights Funders Group
January 13-14, 2003
The James Irvine Foundation - (415) 777-2244
San Francisco, CA**

AGENDA

Monday, January 13

9:00-9:30am *Light Breakfast*

9:30-9:40am ***Welcoming Remarks***
Cora Weiss, Samuel Rubin Foundation

9:40-12:30pm ***Human Rights Education Session***
Facilitator: Chet Tchozewski, Global Greengrants Fund

“Human Rights and the Environment”

Funders generally treat human rights and the environment as unrelated, and yet some of the greatest human rights abuses involve terrible natural destruction – strip mines, large dams, polluting industries – which destroy livelihoods and sometimes life itself. Human rights advocates often use the law, environmentalists often use science, and both appeal to respect for the disenfranchised. Panelists will discuss ways in which combining the two approaches can strengthen the work of both.

Presentations will be followed by an hour of Q and A, after which participants will discuss what we as funders can do to promote this area of work.

Michelle Leighton
Director, International Program
Natural Heritage Institute
Berkeley, CA

Stephen Mills
Director, International Programs
Sierra Club
Washington, DC

Romina Picolotti
Director, Access to Justice Program
Centro de Derechos Humanos y Medio Ambiente
Cordoba, ARGENTINA

12:30-1:30pm *Lunch*

1:30-3:00pm ***Special Projects Session***
Facilitator: Dorothy Thomas, Shaler Adams Foundation

- **Leveraging New Funds to Support Human Rights**
Michael J. Hirschhorn, Jacob and Hilda Blaustein Foundation
- **Fund for Global Human Rights**
Regan Ralph, Executive Director, Fund for Global Human Rights

3:00-3:15pm *Break*

3:15-4:45pm ***Sub-groups Session***

Facilitator: Mona Younis, Mertz Gilmore Foundation

IHRFG sub-groups enable members to exchange information, discuss strategies and/or explore joint funding and projects in specialized areas of common concern. This session will provide sub-groups with an opportunity to meet then report back to the plenary with the goal of generating ideas and projects that can be shared across sub-groups.

Tuesday, January 14

9:00-9:30am *Light Breakfast*

9:30-12:00pm *Networking Session*
Facilitator: Kevin Callahan, Rights and Democracy

“Funding Social Movements”

When the same thing begins happening in enough different places, it becomes a movement (thank you, Arlo Guthrie!). It happened with civil rights, it happened with domestic violence, it’s beginning to happen with sweatshops. How can we magnify the change we want to see beyond the particular organizations we support? Four colleagues who fund different social movements have suggestions to share.

Bisi Adeleye-Fayemi
Executive Director
African Women's Development Fund
Accra, GHANA

Ann Bastian
Senior Program Officer
The Phoenix Fund for Workers and Communities
New World Foundation
New York, NY

Larry Cox
Senior Program Officer, Human Rights
Ford Foundation
New York, NY

Vernice Miller-Travis
Program Officer, Community and Resource Development
Ford Foundation
New York, NY

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 *Programming Trends Session*
Facilitator: Johanna Mendelson Forman, United Nations Foundation

The stock market decline has hit foundation endowments hard. Funders have considerably less money with which to respond to continually increasing needs. Participants will be invited to share their strategies for responding.

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Business Meeting Session

Facilitator: Mona Younis, Mertz Gilmore Foundation

- IHRFG: 2002 and Forward
 - Old Business: July 2002 meeting decisions
 - Feats: What we accomplished in 2002
 - Finances: 2002 Income and Expenses
 - Futures: What should we tackle?
- Web site and database demonstration
Mijoung Chang, Mertz Gilmore Foundation
- Visit to Office of UNHCHR in Geneva
Johanna Mendelson Forman, United Nations Foundation
- Next three meetings: Where, When, What and How
Review of past meetings' evaluations
Valentine Doyle, Lawson Valentine Foundation

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- Other business
 - New Steering Committee member: John Kowal, Open Society Institute
 - Council on Foundations 2003: Session and "Roundup"