

**International Human Rights Funders Group
January 22-23, 2002
The James Irvine Foundation – (415) 777-2244
San Francisco, CA**

AGENDA

Tuesday, January 22

9:00-9:30am *Coffee*

9:30-9:40am ***Welcoming Remarks from the Steering Committee***

Steven Riskin, U.S. Institute of Peace

9:40-12:30pm ***Human Rights Education Session***

Facilitator: Maureen Aung-Thwin, Open Society Institute

"Human Rights in the Aftermath of the September 11th Attacks"

A panel of leading human rights authorities will discuss the profound global implications of the September 11th attacks and subsequent developments. Speakers will discuss the threats to human rights and opportunities for human rights advocacy in a post-September 11th world, and the potential contribution of the international justice system in this context.

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12:30-1:30pm *Lunch*

1:30-4:30pm ***Special Projects Session***

Facilitator: Larry Cox, Ford Foundation

Leveraging New Funds to Support Human Rights

Dorothy Thomas, Shaler Adams Foundation

Fund for Global Human Rights

Mary Ann Stein, The Moriah Fund

7:30pm *Dining Out at **Bissap-Baobab** (Senegalese) (at own cost)*

Wednesday, January 23

9:00-9:30am *Coffee*

9:30-11:00am ***Business Session***

Coordinator: Mona Younis, Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation

- Membership in the Council on Foundations
Julie Richardson, General Service Foundation
- Preliminary discussion regarding registering as a 501(c)(3)
- Sub-group reports
Economic, Social and Cultural Rights
Warren Allmand, Rights and Democracy

Human Rights and the Environment
Valentine Doyle, Lawson Valentine Foundation

Human Rights and Peace
Thomas Leney, United Nations Foundation
- Web site and Database
Mijoung Chang, Joyce Mertz-Gilmore Foundation
- Next two meetings
- Other business
- Meeting evaluation

11:00-11:10am *Break*

11:10-12:30pm ***Programming Trends Session***

Facilitator: Anna Nygaard Yelk, Henry M. Jackson Foundation

“Grantmakers and Grantees’ Responses to September 11”

Participants will have an opportunity to review and discuss the results of a recent survey of human rights NGOs around the world regarding the effects of the attacks and subsequent war on their work, and share information regarding changes and developments in their funding priorities.

12:30-1:30pm ***Lunch ... and The Funders’ Soapbox!***

Facilitator: Valentine Doyle, Lawson Valentine Foundation

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

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

Facilitator: Melanie Oliviero, MacArthur Foundation

“Funding Grassroots Human Rights Organizations”

A panel of funders will discuss their approaches to funding grassroots human rights organizations locally and globally. Whether directly or through intermediaries, funders have found ways to reach the grassroots and make an impact while carrying out the necessary oversight. Panelists will discuss their successes and set-backs as well as the tools and resources they use to provide meaningful bottom-up support.

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