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The Power of Art in Promoting Human Rights

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Session Organizer:

Paula Mejía, Mi Sangre Foundation; Shannon Brunette, Lambent Foundation

Panelists:

Mallika Dutt, President and CEO, Breakthrough; Michelle Coffey, Executive Director, Lambent Foundation

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This session explored the importance and effectiveness of art to advance awareness, respect, and compliance with human rights principles around the world. Participants discussed the linkages between the arts and the promotion and protection of human rights and learned from grantee partners about successful and unsuccessful strategies for promoting positive social change through art and culture. Panelists shared lessons learned about funding art as a strategy and making the case for funding art-related projects to internal boards or colleagues.