

FEDERAL POLICY BRIEFING
ADVANCING PEACE, SECURITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS
 Washington, DC
 March 17-19, 2013

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

1. To gain an understanding of the changing landscape, opportunities, and challenges of the second Obama administration.
2. To explore grantmaker strategies and approaches to respond to the opportunities and challenges of the second Obama administration.
3. To learn about a wide-range of relevant issues, while also having the opportunity to pursue specific issues in greater depth.
4. To meet, exchange, and identify collaborative opportunities with human rights and peace and security funders and forge cross-sector relationships.

SUNDAY EVENING, MARCH 17

6:00-7:30 pm	Pre-conference community-building dinner with participants (optional) <i>Venue:</i> Logan Tavern, 1423 P Street, NW
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MONDAY, MARCH 18 – PEW CHARITABLE TRUSTS CONFERENCE CENTER, 901 E STREET, NW

7:30-7:45 am	Assemble in the lobby of Hotel Rouge to walk (30 min), share taxis, or take public transportation to the Pew Conference Center: 901 E STREET, NW
8:00-8:30 am Breakfast served in Café 9 (9 th floor)	Registration and Breakfast
8:30-9:00 am Carolinas (10 th floor)	WELCOME AND ORIENTATION <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael J. Hirschhorn, Executive Director, IHRFG • Katherine Magraw, Director, PSFG
9:00-10:15 am Carolinas	PLENARY SESSION: <i>Tour of the Horizon: Human Rights and International Security on the National Political Agenda</i> Advocates will provide an update and analysis of the issues, players, and strategies in the broad areas of national security and human rights policies. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Hurlburt, Executive Director, National Security Network • Tom Malinowski, Washington Director, Human Rights Watch <i>Facilitator:</i> Conrad Martin, Executive Director, Stewart R. Mott Foundation



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10:15-10:30 am	Break
10:30-11:30 am Carolinas	KEYNOTE ADDRESS: <i>Human Rights, Peace and Security Priorities of the Administration</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Antony Blinken, White House Deputy National Security Advisor <i>Facilitator:</i> David Abramowitz, Vice-President, Policy and Government Relations, Humanity United
11:30 am-1:00 pm Carolinas Café 9	LUNCH AND SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS <i>Working Group on Women, Peace and Security Briefing (open to all)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelle Barsa, Senior Advocate and Afghanistan Team Leader, The Institute for Inclusive Security <i>Facilitator:</i> Evelyn Thornton, CEO, Institute for Inclusive Security <i>Sequestration and budget cuts: What this means for your work</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Angela Canterbury, Director of Public Policy, Project on Government Oversight <i>Facilitator:</i> Conrad Martin, Executive Director, Stewart R. Mott Foundation
1:00-1:30 pm Carolinas	FUNDERS' SOAPBOX
1:30-3:00 pm Carolinas	CONCURRENT SESSIONS: <i>Preventing and Responding to Mass Atrocities: Structures and Situations</i> <p>Since the Genocide Prevention Task Force issued its report in December 2008, the Obama Administration has embraced efforts to prevent and respond more effectively to mass atrocities. These efforts have led to the establishment of the inter-agency Atrocity Prevention Board and the Conflict and Stabilizations Operations Bureau at the Department of State. Yet specific situations remain difficult to address, as seen most tragically in Syria, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Sudan. What structures have been established to prevent mass atrocities? How are they functioning? Are there innovative ideas, technological or otherwise, that can address these problems? How can funders play a useful role?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cameron Hudson, Senior Advisor, Committee of Conscience, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum • Sarah Mendelson, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, USAID • Ida Sawyer, Country Representative of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Human Rights Watch <i>Facilitator:</i> David Abramowitz, Vice-President, Policy and Government Relations, Humanity United



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1:30-3:00 pm Café 9	CONCURRENT SESSIONS CONTINUED: <i>Nuclear Arms Control and Nonproliferation: Which Way Forward?</i> Renewed attention to nuclear weapons issues and the demands for new policies might seem expected given recent events. But political disagreements threaten an impasse. Will the United States and international community be able to dissuade North Korea and Iran from continued pursuit of their nuclear weapons programs? Will the Administration realize its desire to seek further nuclear force reductions, potentially saving billions of dollars? Or ratification of the Test Ban Treaty? Or commence negotiations on a fissile material cutoff? This session will explore the political and substantive hurdles ahead. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Daryl Kimball, Executive Director, Arms Control Association• Anthony Wier, Senior Staff, Senate Foreign Relations Committee <i>Facilitator:</i> Nandini Merz, Program Director, Colombe Foundation
3:00-3:15 pm	Break
3:15-4:45 pm Carolinas	PLENARY SESSION: <i>Military Force, Criminal Justice and Diplomacy: Rebalancing Counter-terrorism Strategies</i> As the United States looks toward drawing down its troops from Afghanistan in 2014, how might the current U.S. approach to counterterrorism shift? What opportunities does the Afghan withdrawal present for human rights and peace and security advocates to rebalance U.S. strategies, not only in Afghanistan and Pakistan, but elsewhere in the world? This session will explore those opportunities, as well as challenges that will come from various fronts, including Congressional officials and thought leaders who are committed to a war paradigm for dealing with terrorism. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Harold Koh, Professor of International Law, Yale School of Law; former Legal Advisor to the U.S. Department of State• Elisa Massimino, President and CEO, Human Rights First <i>Facilitator:</i> Wendy Patten, Senior Policy Analyst, Open Society Foundations
4:45-5:00 pm	Reflection on the day's exchanges and the role of the funder
6:30-8:30 pm <i>Venue:</i> The Washington Home of Stewart Mott, 122 Maryland Avenue, NE	RECEPTION FOR PSFG, IHRFG AND NGO COMMUNITIES <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amb. Melanne Verveer, Director, Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security; former U.S. Ambassador-at-Large for Global Women's Issues <i>Introduced by:</i> Evelyn Thornton, CEO, Institute for Inclusive Security



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TUESDAY, MARCH 19: CANNON HOUSE OFFICE BUILDING, ROOM 210

7:45-8:00 am	<p>Assemble in the lobby of Hotel Rouge to share taxis or take public transportation to the Cannon House Office Building, Room 210</p> <p>Entrance on the corner of Independence and New Jersey Avenues, SE OR across from the Metro exit on the corner of 1st and C Streets, SE</p> <p><i>Please note that participants must pass security metal detectors; please leave luggage either at the hotel or at the Mott House.</i></p>
8:45 am	<p>Meet in front of Room 210 Cannon House Office Building</p> <p><i>Please note that breakfast and refreshments will <u>not</u> be provided.</i></p>
9:00-11:00 am	<p>PLENARY BRIEFINGS WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stephen Lassiter, Senior Legislative Assistant for Representative Keith Ellison • Representative Jim McGovern, Massachusetts • Joseph Zogby, Chief Counsel, Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Civil Rights and Human Rights for Senator Dick Durbin, Illinois • Timothy Rieser, Chief of Staff, Senate Appropriations Committee for Senator Patrick Leahy, Vermont <p><i>Facilitator: Katherine Magraw, Director, PSFG</i></p>
11:00am-12:00pm	<p>PLENARY SESSION:</p> <p><i>Influencing Policy and Outcomes: Lessons from Advocacy Campaigns</i></p> <p>Author Rebecca Hamilton will share her insights about the outcomes of the advocacy campaign on Darfur to start off an exchange among funders about the impact and consequences – intended and unintended – of the campaigns we support.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebecca Hamilton, Correspondent, Reuters; Author, <i>Fighting for Darfur: Public Action and the Struggle to Stop Genocide</i> <p><i>Facilitator: Katherine Magraw, Director, PSFG</i></p>
12:00-12:15 pm	<p>REFLECTION, WRAP-UP AND EVALUATION</p>
12:15-2:00 pm	<p>Travel to and Lunch at the Senate Buffet, Dirksen Senate Office Building Dining Room OR</p> <p>Lunch with former Senator Richard Lugar</p> <p>Participants interested in discussing the problem of governance and gridlock that is plaguing Congress will join former Senator Richard Lugar (Indiana) and Maia Comea, Director of Congressional Affairs at the German Marshall Fund of the United States for lunch. Senator Lugar will talk about the work of his new venture, the Richard G. Lugar Institute for Diplomacy and Congress.</p> <p><i>Venue: The Monocle, 107 D Street, NE (one block behind the Dirksen Building)</i></p>



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TUESDAY, MARCH 19 continued

2:00-5:00 pm	CONCURRENT SMALL-GROUP MEETINGS AROUND WASHINGTON, DC
<p><i>Venues:</i> USAID: Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave. (Enter at 14th Street)</p> <p>State Department: 2201 C Street, NW</p>	<p>Women, Peace and Security</p> <p>Two meetings with government officials and civil society leaders are scheduled to discuss the status of U.S. efforts to implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325, and how our philanthropic efforts can advance its implementation and the women, peace and security agenda more broadly.</p> <p>2:00-3:00 pm: Meeting at the US Agency for International Development with Carla Koppell, Senior Coordinator for Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and a senior advisor to the USAID Administrator, and other principal USAID officials.</p> <p>3:30-5:00 pm: Meeting at the State Department with State officials responsible for developing the National Action Plan and with leaders of civil society organizations.</p>
<p>2:30-3:30 pm</p> <p>708 Jackson Place, Lafayette Square</p>	<p>International Migration and U.S. Immigration Reform</p> <p>What principled compromises can grantmakers and advocates make to get comprehensive immigration reform legislation passed? Are there models from abroad that are useful in national immigration reform efforts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Doris Meissner, Senior Fellow and Director, US Immigration Policy Program, Migration Policy Institute • Julie Hernandez, Associate Director for Latino Affairs and Immigration, White House Office of Public Engagement
<p>2:00-3:00 pm</p> <p><i>Venue:</i> Veterans of Foreign Wars conference space, 200 Maryland Avenue (between the Mott House and the Russell Senate Office Building)</p>	<p>Disability Rights: Resurrecting the CRPD Ratification Campaign</p> <p>Efforts to get the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities ratified are energized despite set-backs in the Senate. Why is ratification important in the human rights, peace and security realms? What can funders do to advance it?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Albert Sanders, Counsel, Senator Richard Durbin (Illinois) • Judy Heumann, U.S. Special Advisor on International Disability Rights, U.S. Department of State • David Morrissey, Executive Director, United States International Council on Disabilities • Mort Halperin, Senior Policy Advisor, Open Society Foundations
<p>3:30 pm</p> <p>Participants welcome to assemble at the Mott House after lunch</p> <p><i>Venue:</i> Room 1511 Longworth House Office Building (Independence Ave. and South Capitol St.)</p>	<p>Meeting with the Congressional Progressive Caucus</p> <p>The Progressive Caucus is comprised of 77 members of the Democratic Party and promotes economic justice, civil rights and civil liberties, global peace and security, and environmental protection and energy independence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Representative Raúl Grijalva (Arizona), Co-Chair, Congressional Progressive Caucus



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