



FOCUS SESSION 5: INNOVATIVE AND INCLUSIVE ENGAGEMENT WITH THE PHILANTHROPIC SECTOR

Tuesday 15 April, 8:00-9:15, Room TBC

Objective:

This session brings together CEOs of foundations and senior government/multilateral organisation representatives to discuss how they can engage more effectively and inclusively, on the basis of the Guidelines for Effective Philanthropic Engagement (GEPEs).

Session Format:

The session will take the form of a moderated discussion around the theme of

Walking the talk: how can foundations and governments engage more effectively for development?

Opening remarks will be provided by **Juan Manuel Valle Pereña**, Head of the Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID) and **Clare Woodcraft**, CEO, Emirates Foundations for Youth Development. The discussion will be moderated by the Director of the OECD Development Centre, **Mario Pezzini**. Closing remarks will be presented by **Firoz Ladak**, Executive Director of the Edmond de Rothschild Foundations and **Joseph Dickman**, Deputy Director, Evaluation and Training, The MasterCard Foundation

Speakers/Panellists:

- **David Crook**, Development Director, STARS Foundation
- **Chris West**, CEO, Shell Foundation
- **Tariq Al Gurg**, CEO, Dubai Cares
- **Tony Pipa**, International Policy Adviser to the Administrator and Deputy Assistant to the Administrator, USAID's Bureau of Policy, Planning and Learning

Background/Narrative:

Foundations are increasingly prominent in the development galaxy. However, inclusive and impactful partnerships along the lines of the Busan commitments are not always easy to materialise. Many philanthropic actors recognise that opportunities for dialogue, collaborative and joint programmes already exist and are demonstrating promising results. However, there is also a growing understanding that more could be done to bridge the gap between foundations and governments from the Global South as well as from donor countries in order to work more efficiently and accelerate global development progress.

The GEPEs provide an educational, practical and aspirational framework to promote more systematic and impactful engagement of foundations with one another, with governments, multilaterals and all other development actors.

Related Links:

- [Guidelines for Effective Philanthropic Engagement](#)

Organisers:

- *OECD network of Foundations Working for Development (netFWD)*
- *Stars Foundation*
- *Centro Mexicano para la Filantropía (CEMEFI)*

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