



REPUBLIC OF GHANA



Fostering Commitment and Leadership for Philanthropy's Engagement in the Post-2015 Development Agenda for Ghana

Thursday, 9 July 2015

8.00-17.00

La Palm Royal Beach Hotel, Labadi Road

Purpose

Ghana was one of the 50+ countries selected to host national consultations to contribute to defining potential priorities for the Post-2015 Development Agenda, as well to reflect on issues of implementation and the 'how', while drawing lessons for localization of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). It also has an active inter-governmental group supporting the intergovernmental negotiations on the SDGs. The implementation is expected to benefit from multi-stakeholder partnerships and engagement. Philanthropic foundations are contributing to global and local development debates and implementation at national levels. Yet at the national level, systematic engagement of philanthropy is often missing, as is data on their contributions even in a country such as Ghana which has a vibrant NGO and philanthropic sector.

Through this workshop, participants will help to identify priority problems that philanthropy can more effectively address through collaborative efforts and systems-based approaches. The workshop will also serve as a milestone rallying call for defining joint initiatives and working together on commitments going forward. Specifically:

- In thematic areas identified as priorities for Ghana, participants will create stronger linkages and identify opportunities that go beyond pilot projects to systemic problem-solving between the UN, foundations, civil society and the government, to achieve scale and deeper impact.
- Connections will be strengthened between the organizers and other partners who want to "plug in" through greater use of data and information.
- Participants will explore concrete ways for foundations and their partners to develop a structured dialogue with the government and the UN, as well as private sector and civil society, in leveraging resources for common objectives.

Agenda

8:00 Registration opens. Networking opportunity over refreshments.

8:30 **Welcome and Setting the Scene for the Workshop**

Mona Quartey, Deputy Minister of Finance

Dominic Sam, Country Director, UNDP

Edmund Cain, Vice President for Grant Programs, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

- 9:00 Meeting the Post-2015 Ambition in Ghana: Best Pathways to Link Global Goals, National Priorities and the Efforts of Philanthropy**
 A moderated conversation between speakers followed by Q&A:
Ken Ofori-Atta, Co-founder, Databank Group (TBC)
Representative/Felix Addo-Yobo, Deputy Director, National Development Planning Commission
Christopher Johnston, Sr. Manager, Research and Policy, The MasterCard Foundation
Moderator: Heather Grady, Vice President, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors
- 10:15 Break**
- 10:30 Description and Audience Response on the Post-2015 Partnership Platform for Philanthropy**
Karolina Mzyk-Callias, Policy Specialist, Foundations, UNDP
Heather Grady, Vice President, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors
Angela Hariche, Director, Foundation Center
Innocent Chukwuma, Representative for West Africa, Ford Foundation
- 11:00 Enabling Environment for Philanthropy and Partnerships in Ghana**
Kizzita Mensah, Senior Lawyer, Reindorf Chambers
Sidney Yankson, CEO, Ghana Capital Partners (TBC)
Ibrahim-Tanko Amidu, Programme Manager/Team Leader at STAR-Ghana (TBC)
Representative, MTN Foundation/Representative, Private Enterprise Foundation (TBC)
Open Governance Partnership in Ghana (TBC)
Moderator: Pearl Darko, Director, African Philanthropy Forum (TBC)
- 11:45 Data and Knowledge Management: Building Blocks for Effective Collaboration – Opportunities and Challenges for the Post-2015 Agenda in Ghana**
Representative, Ghana Statistical Service
Theo Sowa, Chairman, African Grantmakers Network
Charles Abugre, CEO, Savannah Accelerated Development Authority (SADA)
Ghadys Ghartey, Ministry of Finance -Focal Point for IATI in Ghana (TBC)
Moderator: Angela Hariche, Director, Foundation Center
- Brief presentations and a discussion with the audience will illuminate the situation and opportunities in Ghana vis-à-vis the requirements for more effective philanthropic financial and programmatic data sharing and analysis on the Post-2015 Agenda.
- 12:15 Lunch**
- 13:15 Overview of afternoon session and segue into 3 concurrent thematic workshops**

Session Methodology

Each session will begin with a brief overview of the theme in Ghana, which may include data points to share (statistics); current government priorities; the Sustainable Development Goals and associated targets related to this theme; and the landscape of philanthropic giving on this theme.

Moderators and rapporteurs/note takers will capture the assessment of existing work and initiatives, stakeholders, existing partnerships, and identification of gaps where participants believe more collaborative efforts between foundations, UN, government, private sector and civil society organizations would enable faster, deeper achievement of SDGs. The session will examine how existing or new collaborations can be strengthened by new and more diverse partners, and what would need to happen for this involvement to become a reality.

Themes for Breakout Workshops

Workshop 1: Education (including vocational training and skills development)

Key questions for this session:

- Ghana has seen strong progress in the Education sector with improved performance in enrollment rates, literacy and other measures. However, challenges remain in terms of completion rates, reaching the most marginalized, and building a high quality system for Technical and Vocational Education & Training. How can development partners and philanthropy support the Government of Ghana to reach its objectives in Education?
- What are the challenges and priorities for Ghana in reaching SDG 4: *Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote life-long learning opportunities for all?*
- What is the unique role for philanthropy in Ghana in support key actors in basic, secondary and tertiary education, as well as TVET?

Speakers:

Charles Aheto-Tsegah, Ag. Executive Director, National Council Curriculum and Assessment, Ghana Education Service

Dr. Augustine Tawiah, Executive Secretary, National Teaching Council

Dolores Dickson, Executive Director, Camfed Ghana

Obiri Danso, Provost, Kwame Nkrumah Institute of Science & Technology

Araba Botchway, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid, Ashesi University

Christopher Johnston, Senior Manager, Research & Policy, The MasterCard Foundation

Moderator: Tirso Dos Santos, UNESCO's Head of Office and Representative to Ghana (TBC)

Workshop 2: Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH Sector)

Key questions for this session:

- Despite significant investment by official donors and philanthropy in recent decades in the WASH sector, there are enduring challenges related to functionality, quality and sustainability - so how can philanthropy support the Government of Ghana to address these challenges in meeting their 2030 Plan on WASH (or other relevant national plan)
- What resources will government need to achieve SDG 6: Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for *all*?

- What catalytic role can philanthropy play in providing collaboration among government, civil society and the business community work together to achieve lasting gains in this sector?

Speakers:

Fred Addae, Director of Water, Ministry of Water Resources, Works, and Housing

Ben Arthur, Executive Secretary of the Coalition of NGOs in Water and Sanitation (CONIWAS)

Vida Duti, Country Director, IRC International Water and Sanitation Centre

Magdalene Apenteng, Director of Public Investment Division, Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning

Edmund Cain, Vice President – Grant Programs, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation

Moderator: David Duncan, Chief WASH, UNICEF in Ghana

Deliverables from this session should include concrete recommendations that address the questions above (such as further landscaping of the WASH community, new partnerships or specific task forces, or information exchange mechanisms).

Workshop 3: Connecting the dots to promote jobs and sustainable livelihoods for youth: tackling gaps and identifying opportunities in training, financial inclusion and productive integration into value chains

Key questions for this session:

- **Stimulating inclusive businesses and provision of services:** How can philanthropic foundations contribute to incubating and stimulating local enterprises that can grow and evolve to better serve local markets?
- **Financial Inclusion & Catalytic Financing Mechanisms:** How can philanthropic entities work with government and stakeholders to promote financial and business literacy and access to finance as well as contribute to innovative and integrated financing mechanisms to stimulate local development and businesses?
- **Sustainable training Initiatives:** How to promote responsive TVETS and training for the informal sector that responds to the needs of the private sector and local market and service opportunities? How to connect 'capacitated' service providers (partnerships/entities for schools, health facilities, sanitation, renewable energy) to access markets and finance?

Speakers:

Sammy Longman Attakumah, Chief Director, MOELR (TBC)

Innocent Chukwuma, Representative for West Africa, Ford Foundation

Benedicta Boateng-Apeadu, IDP Foundation/Rising Schools (TBC)

Hermann Messan, Microlead Program Specialist, UNCDF Ghana

Representative Sinapi Aba Savings and Loan/Trust (TBC)

Representative, Foundations from Ghana (TBC)

Representative ILO

Hartwig Michaelsen, Project Manager at Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH (TBC)

Selected entrepreneurs (eg., local fruit juice value chain), TVET/training initiatives

Moderator: Radhika Lal, Inclusive Growth Cluster UNDP Ghana)

Deliverables from this session should include concrete recommendations that address the questions above and facilitate potential partnerships, integrated approaches, or specific task forces, or information exchange mechanisms.

15:00 Coffee break

15:30 Report back from workshop sessions with specific ideas for follow-up and next steps in the coming year

Workshop Moderators or Rapporteurs

Facilitator: Karolina Mzyk-Callias, Policy Specialist, Foundations, UNDP

16:15 Wrap up

Dominic Sam, Country Director, UNDP

16:30 Adjourn

Wifi access: to be provided on the day of the event.

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