



Foundations and Philanthropists Roundtable

Venue: International Congress Centre (MCK), Plac Sławika i Antalla 1 40-163 Katowice, Poland

Date & Time: **Wednesday, 29 June 2022, 16:00 to 18:00 CEST**

Theme: Participatory Grantmaking: Democratizing philanthropy for sustainable urban development

Speakers: Leaders of Large Foundations and Philanthropists from:

- Africa
- Asia
- Europe
- North America
- Latin America and the Caribbean, and
- Oceania

Held every two years, the World Urban Forum (WUF) is the world's premier conference on cities, convened by the United Nations.

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Overview

Foundations and philanthropists have championed the development of such innovative finance solutions that have been successful in enabling, accelerating, and harnessing private capital markets for public good. The round table will bring together foundations, philanthropists, and industry visionaries to examine the intersection of democracy, funding, technology, and sustainable urban development to discuss how best to secure and leverage resources and investments to build inclusive safe resilient cities that minimize harm to the environment and improve the quality of life for all, particularly the most vulnerable.

Objectives

Identify opportunities to further scale up citizen-led philanthropic leadership and transformational action to accelerate SDG, investment, and implementation at the local level; particularly Goal 11 to *make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient, and sustainable*.

Discussion

Leaders from top foundations and philanthropists present how their work has advanced development and transformed livelihoods, with discussion including the role foundations play to achieve the urban dimensions of the Sustainable Development Goal 11.

- How are Foundations working to democratize and diversify philanthropy?
- What role can technology play in building more equitable giving communities?
- What have foundations learned from pandemic funding practices?

Outcome

Recommendations on concrete actions, initiatives, and partnerships to increase funding and investment to stimulate and accelerate innovative solutions in this decade of change so that we can meet the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030.

Not able to join in person? Consider joining virtually.

Get in touch with [Thomas Situma](#) and [Rispha Mutua](#) for information on how you could join virtually.

