

Fall Community Foundation Conference: International Highlights

The Council on Foundations' 2007 Fall Conference for Community Foundations will be held from September 16–19 in San Francisco. With this year's conference theme of "Eureka! Learn, Lead, and Grow" we acknowledge that the field faces new responsibilities and challenges as communities increasingly look to foundations to lead the way in addressing complex issues. This year's conference is designed to enhance the leadership skills your foundation brings to the noble work of building community. [Detailed information on speakers and sessions](#) is available on the Council website.

Among the many exciting sessions and events designed for this conference, the following sessions may be of particular interest to international grantmakers:

Defining, Building, and Engaging Community: Learning from Both Sides of the Atlantic Monday, September 17, 9:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Building and engaging our communities is a crucial and complex task faced by all community foundations. Community foundations of all levels of development will discover that experiences in Northern Ireland, Slovakia and rural Virginia offer remarkably similar lessons about how communities develop and how community foundations can be leaders on issues of significance.

Session Designer/Speaker: Peter Hero, senior advisor, Silicon Valley Community Foundation

Speakers: Andrew J. Morikawa, executive director, The Community Foundation of the New River Valley; Avila Kilmurray, director, Community Foundation for Northern Ireland; Katarina Minarova, executive director and CEO, Presov Community Foundation
Committee Liaison: Cindy Sesler Ballard, executive director, Coalition of Community Foundations for Youth

Hispanics in Philanthropy: A Case Study of an Effective Funders' Collaborative Monday, September 17, 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

The session will focus on the Hispanics in Philanthropy (HIP) Funders' Collaborative for Strong Latino Communities. Established in 2000, the HIP Funders' Collaborative raised over \$30 million from 153 national and local funders in 18 sites in the United States and Latin America. Grants have been made to 369 Latino-led nonprofits. Session participants will learn about funding for capacity building, the positive impact that Latino-specific funding has had on smaller-sized nonprofits, and the benefits and challenges of the funders' collaborative model.

Moderator/Session Designer: Yolanda Caldera-Durant, program officer, Fairfield County Community Foundation, Inc.

Speakers: Diana Campoamor, president, Hispanics in Philanthropy; Sandra Lee Vargas, President and CEO, The Minneapolis Foundation

Committee Liaison: Laurie Craft, program director, Grand Rapids Community Foundation

Investing in Our Communities: Strategies for Immigrant Integration Tuesday, September 18, 8:30 a.m.–10:00 a.m.

Community foundations are at the forefront of responding to growing immigrant populations that are continually changing the face of communities across the country. Learn how three community foundations are using the immigrant integration framework to guide their grantmaking to meet immigrants' needs and to leverage their assets to build strong, vibrant communities for all residents.

Session Designer/Speaker: Sandra Smith, community research and grants management program officer, The Columbus Foundation and Affiliated Organizations

Speakers: Ngoan Le, vice president of programs, The Chicago Community Trust; Ronald Rowell, program officer, Social Justice, The San Francisco Foundation

Committee Liaison: Peggy Saika, president and CEO, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy

International Grantmaking For U.S.-Based Community Foundations

Tuesday, September 18, 10:30 a.m.–12:00 pm

How can U.S.-based Community Foundations, of any size, facilitate international grantmaking? Donors often want to impact projects that compliment their domestic interests but cross international borders. The discussion will include using U.S.-based organizations to support foreign charities, using “travelers with a cause”, applying Sister City models, responding to international disasters and how one community of U.S. donors put together a fund for their “hometown” in another country.

Moderator/Session Designer: Josephine Ward Heath, president, The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County

Speakers: H. Walker Sanders, president, Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, Inc.; Maria Rodriguez, fund advisor, Fondo del Patronato Mezquital, Community Foundation of Greater Greensboro, Inc.; Monica Patten, president and CEO, Community Foundations of Canada; Richard Kiy, president and CEO, International Community Foundation

Committee Liaison: Michael A. Goodman, conference education coordinator, Council on Foundations

Importing Wisdom: What U.S. Community Foundations Can Learn About Community Leadership from their Colleagues Around the World

Tuesday, September 18, 2:30 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

In the United States, community foundations are fortunate to be part of the rich fabric of civil society. In many other places throughout the world, however, community foundations find themselves in the role of *builders* of civil society. What can U.S. community foundations learn from the experiences of international colleagues who, by necessity, have placed their community leadership role in the forefront? Come prepared to be inspired and shaken from your comfort zone by the stories of visionary colleagues.

Moderator/Session Designer: Shannon St. John, senior advisor, Synergos Institute

Speakers: Avila Kilmurray, director, Community Foundation for Northern Ireland; Carolyn A. Milne, president and CEO, Hamilton Community Foundation; Inviolatta Mpuli Moyo, executive director, Community Foundation for the Western Region of Zimbabwe

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Donors Ourselves—Rural Development Philanthropy from East Tennessee to East Africa and Beyond

Tuesday, September 18, 4:30 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Rural communities around the world with limited financial resources can build on their indigenous philanthropy to nurture local leadership and create positive change. This session examines common characteristics and strategies that are working in four communities in partnership with local community foundations in East Tennessee and East Africa. This session is about community building and looks at the practice of creating local foundations as a way to help small towns and rural villages gain a measure of control over their future.

Session Designer: Terry Lynn Holley, senior vice president for programs and regional development, East Tennessee Foundation

Committee Liaison: Michael A. Goodman, conference education coordinator
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International Programs Reception

Monday, September 17, 6:30 p.m.–8:30 p.m.

Honor our international colleagues at a reception hosted by the International Programs department. Meet and mingle with other global thinkers and doers. For more information, contact Isabelle Mack at 202/467-0435 or macki@cof.org.

Breakfast Plenary: Growing Community Foundations Globally

Wednesday, September 19, 8:00 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Although U.S. community foundations are often cited as a point of reference from which the international movement of community foundations has grown, the genesis of community foundations in other parts of the world is challenging conventional wisdom about the field and what community foundations will look like in the future. Whether the choice is between leadership and governance, growth and sustainability, or donor services and public policy, the unique circumstance of our global community foundation peers and colleagues have created powerful opportunities for learning. Join us as our colleagues acknowledge and give prominence to the diverse and often nontraditional strategies being used to grow community foundations globally, and highlight how differences have become a source of strength and innovation for growing philanthropy worldwide.

Moderator: Leslie Lilly, president and CEO, Foundation for Appalachian Ohio

Speakers: Monica Patten, president and CEO, Community Foundations of Canada and Gerard M. Salole, chief executive, European Foundation Centre