

JUST GIVING

GLOBAL SOCIAL CHANGE PHILANTHROPY

Grantmakers Without Borders'
Eighth Annual Conference

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ABOUT GRANTMAKERS WITHOUT BORDERS

Grantmakers Without Borders is a philanthropic network dedicated to improving the practice of international grantmaking and increasing funding for international social justice and environmental sustainability. Our membership, currently numbering over 150 philanthropic entities, includes private foundations, grantmaking public charities, individual donors with a significant commitment to philanthropy, and philanthropic support organizations. Availing of this wealth of experience and expertise, Grantmakers Without Borders provides capacity-building support to international grantmakers both novice and experienced. We offer a space for learning, community and collaboration among international social change grantmakers. We advocate before policymakers on behalf of international grantmakers, and we work to leverage the philanthropic sector to increase funding to the global South. In all our efforts, Grantmakers Without Borders is committed to the ideals of justice, equity, peace, democracy, and respect for the environment. We value and respect the wisdom and experience of local communities in all their diversity, and we are dedicated to amplifying the voice of the global South in international philanthropy. Founded in 2000, Grantmakers Without Borders is a project of the Tides Center.



ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

*Globally minded foundations, individual donors, and allies in philanthropy are warmly invited to attend **Just Giving**, Grantmakers Without Borders' Eighth Annual Conference on Global Social Change Philanthropy.*

The conference will bring together a diverse assembly of foundation staff and trustees, individual donors and global Southern activists to learn about, discuss and debate social change grantmaking practices and explore some of the most critical issues facing grassroots communities in Africa, Asia and Latin America today

Conference participants will have more than 40 sessions to choose from, on two main tracks:

- **Global Grantmaking Practice: International grantmakers and donors, both experienced and novice, will enjoy a range of useful workshops on grantmaking practice on topics such as monitoring and evaluation, IRS regulations, disaster response, and grantee capacity-building.**
- **Advancing Human Rights, Equity and Justice in a Climate-Constrained World: Global warming and other urgent environmental issues are already having a profound impact on communities throughout the world. Strategic global grantmakers are increasingly recognizing the need to understand the depth and breadth of the current environmental crisis, no matter the issues they may fund, from global health, to economic development, to women's rights. The conference will feature a range of sessions that explore grantmaking in the context of climate change, natural resource depletion, and peak oil.**

Gw/oB's conference will also provide ample time to network, share experiences and build relationships with peers and allies in grantmaking.

Join us!



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Conference participants will have more than 40 sessions to choose from over the course of this three-day conference. Here is just a sampling of some of the plenary sessions, breakout workshops, networking opportunities and special events to be offered.

For full details on the conference, including a complete schedule and featured speakers, please visit www.gwob.net.

Plenary Sessions

Climate Change, Natural Resource Depletion and Peak Oil: Issues and Impact

Global warming, Deforestation, species extinction and water depletion. The inevitable drying up of the planet's limited oil supply. These and other issues have converged rapidly in our time, creating what many are calling a "Triple Crisis." What exactly are the dimensions of the crisis, and what is at stake? The conference will open with an essential assessment of the environmental emergency our planet now faces. To assist in understanding the urgency of the crisis, we'll hear from representatives of Pacific and Arctic communities whose very existence is at immediate risk.

From Bali to the Base: Supporting Global, National and Local Action

The recent international gathering in Bali sought to advance a global compact for addressing climate change, while the issue has emerged in the political discourse at national, state and local levels in the US and elsewhere. This plenary will begin with an update on the status of global climate change negotiations and the prospects for meaningful change given the upcoming US presidential and congressional elections. The session will then turn to a debate of some of the more controversial strategies being promoted to address the crisis, such as payment for environmental services, biofuels, and "clean coal".

Strategies for Systemic Change: Global Justice and a Path Forward

An unprecedented crisis is upon us, and its dimensions are daunting. However, many believe we are poised to make extraordinary changes in the ways we relate to the environment and to each other. The conference will conclude by framing a strategy for systemic change, one that embraces a vision of justice, equity and human rights. The plenary will offer specific strategies global grantmakers can utilize to propel this most critical agenda forward.

A Selection of Breakout Workshops

Grantmaking Within the Legal Constraints of U.S. Foreign Policy

In a growing number of global hotspots, grantmakers must find practical solutions to advance their missions while responsibly adhering to legal constraints. This session will discuss challenges and strategies for grantmaking in such challenging places as Burma, Iraq and Palestine.

Making Monitoring and Evaluation Accessible for Community-Based Organizations

This session will highlight successful strategies several foundations have employed to find common ground with small, community-based organizations on monitoring and evaluation, transforming monitoring and evaluation from an unpleasant, confounding burden to a tool for empowerment.

Encouraging Local Relief Capacity in Areas of Humanitarian Crisis

Where disaster strikes, armies of well-funded international NGOs descend, including many with no prior experience in the affected region. At the same time, many extremely capable local, on-the-ground organizations get overlooked by grantmakers wishing to respond. This workshop will explore how funders can support the capacities of local, community-based organizations to respond

to and recover from natural disasters and humanitarian crises.

Funding Rural Groups in the Global South: Challenges and Opportunities

Two-thirds of world's poorest people live in rural areas, the majority of whom are women. This session will look at the particular challenges and opportunities facing grantmakers wanting to fund rural populations in Africa and elsewhere, and how such funding can contribute to the promotion of cultural identity, environmental sustainability, bio-diversity and food sovereignty.



Joop Rubens for the Firelight Foundation



Supporting Movement Building at the Intersection of Health and Environment

The health of communities is inextricably linked to the health of their environment, and yet health and environment are often addressed in separate silos of grantmaking. This workshop will explore how the intersection of environment and health provides exciting grantmaking opportunities to build movements, support healthy communities and ecosystems, and connect people at the grassroots, national and international levels.

An Introduction to Social Change Philanthropy

Grantmakers Without Borders and other organizations advocate for "social change philanthropy." What exactly is meant by this phrase?

Is it about what you fund, how you fund it, or both? This workshop will feature a discussion with several pioneers in the effort to move international grantmakers from pure charity to funding that promotes justice, equity and human rights among the world's most marginalized communities.

Cross-Border Grantmaking Basics: Expenditure Responsibility and Equivalency Determination

Thinking about making grants directly to overseas groups? Private foundations wishing to make cross-border grants have several options for ensuring that their funding goes to charitable purposes: expenditure responsibility and equivalency determination. This practical session will offer hands-on training in these essential cross-border grant-making procedures.



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Gw/oB's conferences are known for great workshops *and* great people. Networking opportunities are facilitated to make newcomers feel at ease.

Speed Networking

Make fast first contact with conference participants to discover the colleagues you'd most like to speak with later on in the conference.

Lunchtime Roundtables

Convene over an informal meal for discussion of shared grantmaking interests.

Dine-Arounds

Dine-Arounds begin like workshops, with discussions on key grantmaking issues and strategies, then continue in a less formal way over a great meal at one of San Francisco's many superb restaurants.

“Kudos to Gw/oB for all that you have done to hit the hard issues... to educate donors, and to create a provocative and supportive space for funders. You have far exceeded [my] expectations...”

–2007 CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT

Strengthening China's Grassroots Movement to Address Climate Change

Most efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in China have focused on top-down, governmental initiatives. Yet to be successful, these and other initiatives will have to be implemented at a grassroots, community-based level. This session will allow participants to learn about on-the-ground environmental efforts in China while exploring obstacles and opportunities for grantmaking to China.

Indigenous Approaches to Combating Climate Change

Indigenous communities around the world, particularly those of island nations and the Arctic, have been among the first populations to be directly affected by climate change. How can the global philanthropic community best assist these communities, and how can we amplify their voices in the North?



*“Great format,
especially the networking
opportunities. The most
creative use of conference
time I’ve ever seen.”*

–2006 CONFERENCE PARTICIPANT

Changing the Climate: The Critical Role of Women

While the sense of urgency around the human impacts of climate change is now heightened, gender equality has largely been absent from the discourse. Yet women are extremely vulnerable to swift environmental changes, and they are also the best positioned to help curb the impacts of climate change, given their responsibilities for family and community well-being and management of resources. Come hear from women activists about innovative strategies for curbing climate change and its impacts.

Small-Scale Sustainable Farmers Can Cool Down the Earth

Intercontinental food transport, intensive monoculture production, the destruction of natural habitat to make room for cattle, and the use of chemical inputs have transformed agriculture into a significant greenhouse gas emitter. This session will explore how small-scale farmers are

building food sovereignty *and* cooling down the planet.

Water Rights and Management: Community-Based Responses

With climate change’s ever increasing impact on the availability and quality of water, local communities who depend directly on natural resources are liable to feel a squeeze, with historical inequities and state deficiencies in service delivery and disaster preparedness becoming more and more magnified each day. In this session, funders will learn from the experience of community associations addressing water issues and promoting community-driven sustainable development.



Devan Dewey

A Selection of Featured Presenters

A partial list of invited and confirmed speakers. For full details on conference speakers, please visit www.gwob.net.

Lorena Aguilar, IUCN (Costa Rica)

Ali Amar, United States Institute of Peace

Alexander Arbachakov, Taiga Research and Protection Agency (Russia)

Harriet Barlow, HKH Foundation

Altacir Bunde, Small Farmers Movement (Brazil)

Atema Eclai, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

Christopher Ellinger, Zing Foundation

Wendy Flick, Pond Foundation

Lynnsay Francis, Asia Pacific Forum on Women, Law & Development

Robert Guimaraes, Interethnic Association for the Development of the Peruvian Amazon (Peru)

Sarah Hobson, New Field Foundation

Jennifer Lentfer, Firelight Foundation

Darío José Mejía Montalvo, National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (Colombia)

Anil Naidoo, Council of Canadians (Canada)

Shalini Nataraj, Global Fund for Women

Tabara Ndiaye, New Field Foundation (Senegal)

Hibaaq Osman, Arab Women's Foundation (Egypt)

Marni Rosen, Jenifer Altman Foundation

Matsepo Sekaleli, Lesotho Girl Guides Association (Lesotho)

Emily West, West Foundation

Ge Yun, Director, Xinjiang Conservation Fund (China)

June Zeitlin, WEDO

Brooke Zobrist, Foundation for the People of Burma



CONFERENCE REGISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

For questions on the conference, please call 617.794.2253.

Eligibility

Just Giving is open to representatives of private foundations, grantmaking public charities, faith-based giving programs, governmental grantmaking programs, and philanthropic advocacy and support organizations. Also warmly invited to attend are individual donors with a significant commitment to global philanthropy. Representatives of non-grantmaking non-profit organizations may only attend as invited speakers.

Conduct

Just Giving is intended as a safe space for grantmakers to engage in learning and networking without fear of being “hit-up” for funding. A strict “no solicitation” rule is enforced during the conference.

How to register

To register for *Just Giving*, please visit Grantmakers Without Borders’ website, at www.gwob.net, or call 617.794.2253. Registration will begin in March.

Costs

Early-bird registration—Register before April 25th!

Grantmakers Without Borders member rate*: \$475

Non-member rate: \$600

Regular registration

Grantmakers Without Borders member rate*: \$600

Non-member rate: \$700

**For more information on joining Grantmakers Without Borders, please see the next page.*

Venue

Just Giving will convene at two locations in San Francisco. Events on June 8th will take place at Fort Mason, while events on June 9th and 10th will take place in the Presidio at the Golden Gate Club and Officers Club. For more information on venues, including directions, please visit www.gwob.net.

Accommodations

For information on recommended hotels, please visit www.gwob.net.

Join Grantmakers Without Borders today!

Join Grantmakers Without Borders today and enjoy the benefits of participating in this fast-growing and diverse network, including:

- **The Knowledge Center**, an on-line emporium of all things related to global grantmaking: expert advice from and for grantmakers, sample grantmaking forms and documents, and a host of other resources
- **E-Publications:** Gw/oB produces three different electronic publications: *The Weekly Planet*, Gw/oB's popular membership newsletter offering one-stop shopping for busy grantmakers wanting to stay in-the-know; **Advocacy Update**, a monthly round-up of legal and regulatory issues affecting global grantmakers; and **China Philanthropy News**, geared towards the growing number of grantmakers working in China
- **The Meso-America Grantmakers Group**, a networking space for grantmakers interested in Central America and Mexico
- **Technical assistance** on legal issues related to international grantmaking
- And many other benefits and services...

Membership is open to a range of philanthropic entities, including family and other private foundations, community foundations, grantmaking public charities, individual donors who donate at least \$10,000 annually to international work, philanthropic advisors and others. Membership dues range from \$250 to \$5,000 annually.

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