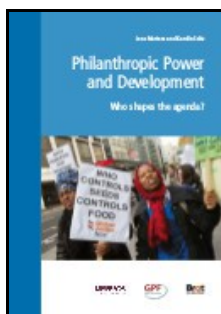




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Philanthropic Power and Development - Who shapes the agenda?



A new GPF working paper, jointly published with Brot für die Welt and MISEREOR, examines the role and impact of philanthropic foundations in development. It addresses the impacts and side effects of philanthropic engagement by taking a closer look at the priorities and operations of two of the most prominent foundations, the Rockefeller Foundation and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, in two crucial sectors, health and agriculture.

So far, there has been a fairly willing belief among governments and international organizations in the positive role of philanthropy in global development. But in light of experiences in the areas of health, food, nutrition and agriculture, which are discussed in this working paper, a thorough assessment of the impacts and side effects of philanthropic engagement is necessary. The important role being allocated to the philanthropic sector in the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda makes the discussion of its role a matter of urgency.

Philanthropic Power and Development

Who shapes the agenda?

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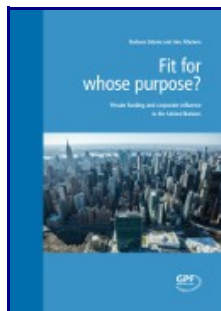
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76 pages

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Download the Working Paper [here](#).

Is the UN fit for the ambitious new Sustainable Development Agenda?



More than a hundred Heads of State and Government were gathering in New York on September 25 to adopt the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. This agenda is intended to make the UN ‘fit for purpose’, but it is important to ask, ‘whose purpose will it be fit for’?

A new study from Global Policy Forum warns that the United Nations is embarking on a new era of selective multilateralism, shaped by intergovernmental policy impasses and a growing reliance on corporate-led solutions to global problems.

Fit for whose purpose?

Private funding and corporate influence in the United Nations

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Working paper: The Means of Implementation for Sustainable Development



The summits and conferences of 2015, from Addis Ababa to New York and Paris, will have lasting effects on environmental and development policies in the years to come. However, the direction the international community is headed does not only depend on the goals and targets set during the conferences, but also on the political will to realize these targets, and to provide the resources needed. This Global Policy Forum working paper (only available in German)

examines the implementation targets of the Financing for Development Conference in Addis Ababa as well as the positions of the respective actors going into the conference, analyses the means of implementation laid down in the 2030 Agenda and assesses whether they will be sufficient to accomplish the broad goals of the sustainable development agenda.

Der Weg ist das Ziel

Die Ergebnisse der 3. Internationalen Konferenz über Entwicklungsfinanzierung und die Mittel zur Umsetzung der 2030 Agenda für nachhaltige Entwicklung

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Discussion Paper asks: Leave no-one out of the Post-2015 Agenda – particularly not the rich.



The Civil Society Reflection Group on Global Development Perspectives today launches its latest Discussion Paper. "Goals for the Rich - Indispensable for a Universal Post-2015 Agenda" deals with the question of how a fair sharing of costs, responsibilities and opportunities among and within countries can be achieved in formulating and implementing a Post-2015 Sustainability Agenda.

Goals for the Rich

Indispensable for a Universal Post-2015 Agenda

Discussion paper | March 2015

Published by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung and the Civil Society Reflection Group on Global Development Perspectives

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What's new

Puvan Selvanathan resigns from UN Working Group on Business & Human Rights, calling for a binding treaty



Puvan Selvanathan has resigned from the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights, where he has been working since 2011. In an open letter to J. Rucker, current President of the Human Rights Council, Selvanathan calls for a legally-binding treaty on business and human rights. He states “I believe that if a business can operate ‘legally’ yet impact negatively on human rights then that is a simple failure of a state’s duties. [...] I suggest that if states wish for businesses to respect human rights then what that constitutes must be made mandatory. [...] The loudest calls within a company for higher goals are distant echoes if even a whisper for profit exists. [...] Companies are our own social creations and reflect our own values. They are defined by the rules that we choose to lay down.”

Unease over seconded philanthropic foundation staff to WHO's top management



Philanthropic foundations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the United Nations Foundation have seconded their staffers to top management positions at the World Health Organization. This information revealed to Member States during the ongoing negotiations of the Framework for Engagement with non-State Actors (FENSA) shows that between 2012 and 2015, WHO had 37 secondments from non-State actors (NSA). Three current top-level secondments have Gates Foundation connections. This information published for the first time brings out the lack of a comprehensive conflict of interest policy in the WHO covering both individual and institutional conflict of interest. During the negotiations, developing countries proposed a complete ban on secondments from NSAs whereas Germany and Switzerland are opposing the prohibition. A new article by TWN presents the information and reports on the debate on secondments to WHO at the ongoing negotiations of FENSA.

WHO: Do financial contributions from 'pharma' violate WHO Guidelines?



Millions of dollars given by major pharmaceutical companies to the World Health Organization (WHO) raise questions of compliance with the organization's guidelines on interactions with commercial enterprises. It is notable that the draft Framework of Engagement with Non-State Actors (FENSA) currently being finalised by WHO Member States does not contain a provision that requires a commercial enterprise to conform to WHO's policies, norms and standard. In a new article, K M Gopakumar from Third World Network (TWN) presents the amount of financial contributions by pharmaceutical companies to the WHO and sets out why these contributions are in conflict with WHO's criteria for ethical promotion of medicines and accordingly the Guidelines.

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