COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

1. EDUCATION
This working group consists of organizations, policy makers and key stakeholders in the public and private sector focusing on providing direct or indirect education support to government agencies, schools, institutions and communities. This includes post-secondary school education programs, TVETs and overall youth training programs. This group will work together to explore and understand the specific issues facing the sector, as linked to philanthropy, learn from each other and identify overarching challenges and create and implement strategies to interact with government agencies to resolve issues, advocate for the sector as a whole and develop and disseminate relevant learnings.

*Meeting will take place on 26th August 2022*

2. CLIMATE CHANGE
This working group is open to philanthropy organizations in Climate change, environment and conservation and key stakeholders in the CSO sector. The working group’s mandate would be to discuss trends Philanthropy’s contribution towards the implementation of the Paris Agreement on Climate change and in specific how to support the attainment of SDG 13 on climate action. This will include but not limited to shaping the political debate on climate change, influencing market dynamics through well-targeted investments towards environmental conservation, building a strong civil society movement through grassroots organizing to support climate change mitigation.

*Meeting will take place on 8th September 2022*

3. COMMUNITY PHILANTHROPY
This working group comprises of community organizations, member organizations involved in community philanthropy and other key stakeholders. The group aims to bring together grassroot organizations to work together with the other key stakeholders in mapping community organizations and stakeholders, discuss challenges within the communities and how the (available) resources can be leveraged for maximum benefit and create awareness for local giving. Further, the group will outline and implement strategies for resource mobilization both within the community and externally.

*Meeting will take place on 15th September 2022*

4. EQUITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION
This brings together all those working in the larger disability space as grant makers, fund managers and implementers who will see to explore tackling Living with a disability as a means of facing inequality that intersects with everything philanthropies do, including issues as disparate as poverty alleviation, voting rights, criminal justice, and access to quality health care. The group will tackle issues of disability.

*Meeting will take place on 1st September 2022.*

5. YOUTH
This working group comprises of organizations, policy makers and key stakeholders in the public and private sector working with Youth Social Entrepreneurship to explore the understanding of how youth social entrepreneurship can both support youth development and help accelerate the implementation of the SDGs while solving community challenges. This group will work together to explore and understand the specific issues facing the youth, as linked to philanthropy, learn from each other, identify challenges and create and implement strategies to resolve issues and advocate for the sector.

*Meeting will take place on 29th September 2022*

6. WOMEN & PHILANTHROPY
Around 10% of ultra-high-net-worth individuals are women. Female benefactors are contributing around 14% of high net-worth individuals (HNWIs’) total donations towards social justice. According to the Women in Philanthropy Report 2014 published by EAPN, women are motivated to give based on emotional responses to religion, and social, personal, and environmental issues. At the community level, most of the beneficiaries of women’s giving are vulnerable groups within the society.

Beyond giving, women are also leading foundations as philanthropic advisors, leading community giving initiatives, and social impact in the public and private sectors. There are also organizations that are harnessing the power of women’s donations to drive sustainable change. Indeed, women are leading and shaping philanthropy globally, in Africa, and in the East Africa region.

This CoP is a platform for women philanthropists, women leading foundations, feminists and organizations managing and disbursing funds towards sustainable development to share best practices and learn from each other.

*Meeting will take place on 22nd September 2022*