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**Leading Philanthropists to Explore Society's Trust Deficit and the Potential Young People and Technology Have to Combat Global Challenges at 2018 Global Philanthropy Forum Conference**

REDWOOD CITY, CA – From May 2-4, the 17<sup>th</sup> annual [Global Philanthropy Forum \(GPF\) Conference](#) will convene purpose-driven philanthropists, foundation executives and social investors from around the globe—including [Kofi Annan](#), Former Secretary-General of the UN—to celebrate collective successes, learn from failures and discuss solutions for today's most pressing challenges.

With opinion polls and global surveys reporting that individuals worldwide have lost trust in the institutions of government, and in each other, philanthropists will explore ways they and their grantees can build social capital and citizen agency – the conviction that every person can and must make a positive difference.

[Speakers](#) including [La June Montgomery Tabron](#), President and CEO of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation; [Muhammad Musa](#), Executive Director of BRAC; [Deepmala Mahla](#), Country Director for Mercy Corps Iraq; [Tristan Harris](#), former Google Design Ethicist and Co-founder of the Center for Humane Technology; [Michelle Nunn](#), President and CEO of CARE USA; [Simon Segars](#), CEO of Arm; [Oren Yakobovich](#), Co-founder and CEO of Videre est Credere; and [Essam Daod](#), Child Psychiatrist, Co-founder and Mental Health Director at Humanity Crew will consider ways to tackle challenging problems and affect change.

Of particular interest is the ability young people and technology have to make a powerful difference. Youth speakers will include [Lashon Amado](#) of Opportunity Youth United and the co-founders of Living on One, [Chis Temple](#) and [Zach Ingrasci](#). An evening panel will explore the positive impact of new technologies, such as gene editing, AI and remote sensing, as well as the thorny ethical issues associated with their use.

“Young people demonstrate the imagination to invent and the determination to solve,” said [Jane Wales](#), Founder of GPF and CEO of World Affairs. “While AI, remote sensing, blockchain and gene editing can extend our capacity for good, if misused, they can cause harm. As technologists give us remarkable new tools, it is up to us to put them to ethical purpose and to inform the norms for their use.”

For more information about the conference, visit [philanthropyforum.org](http://philanthropyforum.org), and to follow the conversation on social media, visit GPF's [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages and follow [#GPF18](#).

**About the Global Philanthropy Forum**

A project of [World Affairs](#), the [Global Philanthropy Forum \(GPF\)](#) was founded in 2001 and aims to build a community of donors and social investors committed to international causes, and to inform, enable, and enhance the strategic nature of their giving. Through an annual conference and special events, the GPF connects donors to issues, effective strategies, potential co-funders and emblematic agents of change from around the world. By building and continually refreshing a lasting learning community, the GPF seeks to expand the number of philanthropists who will be strategic in the pursuit of international causes. The GPF has affiliates in Latin America and Africa.

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