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MONDAY, JULY 10

9:00 am-5:00 pm	2017 New York Institutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>When the Going Gets Tough: A Funder-Activist Dialogue</i> • <i>Values to Action</i> (Organized with Bay Area Justice Funders Network) • <i>Newcomers Welcome Gathering</i>
6:00-8:00 pm	Conference Opening: Welcome Reception hosted by the Ford Foundation

TUESDAY, JULY 11

MAP	8:00- 9:00 am	Registration
	9:00-9:15	Welcome
	9:15- 10:15 am	Opening Plenary: Map → Resist → Support: Three Perspectives
	10:15-11:15 am	Breakout Discussions
	11:15-11:30	Break
	11:30 am-12:30 pm	From the Field Expo I: Country-Specific Cases of Narrowing Civil Society Space <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>An Inside Look into Supporting Change in India</i> (Sponsored by Thousand Currents) • <i>Breaking Funders out of the Silos to Accelerate Human Rights in Uganda</i> (Sponsored by One World Children's Fund) • <i>Fostering Systems Change in Thailand: Engaging with the Fishing Industry and Government to Fight Human Rights Abuses at Sea</i> (Sponsored by Freedom Fund) • <i>Tactical Interventions to Protect Judicial Independence</i> (Sponsored by Proteus Fund) • <i>The Frontier of Fear: Crisis in Brazil and Responses to Violations of Human Rights</i> (Sponsored by Freedom House) • <i>50 Years of Occupation and Israeli Human Rights Work: Lessons Learned and Strategies Going Forward</i> (Sponsored by New Israel Fund)
	12:30-1:45 pm	Lunch
	1:15-1:45	Funders' Soapbox

	1:45- 2:45 pm	From the Field: Expo- II A second opportunity to listen to a session from "From the Field Expo I."
	2:45-3:00 pm	Break
RESIST	3:00- 4:30 pm	<p>Concurrent Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Building Resilient Women's Movements: The Critical Dynamic between Movements, Philanthropy, and Governments</i> (Sponsored by Global Fund for Women, Mama Cash, and MATCH International Women's Fund) • <i>Networked Propaganda: Digital Threats to Democracy and Human Rights</i> (Sponsored by Ford Foundation, Media Democracy Fund, Open Society Foundations, and Wallace Global Fund) • <i>From Critique to Resilience: Transforming Human Rights Activism</i> (Sponsored by Open Society Human Rights Initiative)
	4:30-6:30 pm	<p>Working Group Meetings and Networking Break</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Asia and Pacific Funders Working Group</i> • <i>Disability Rights Working Group</i> • <i>International Grants Operations Working Group</i>
	7:00-9:00 pm	What better way to plan a path towards resistance than a good meal and provocative conversation? Join us for dinner and a performance of <i>Beyond Sacred: Voices of Muslim Identity</i>

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

	8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast: Funders' Initiative for Civil Society Strategy Launch • <i>How can funders ensure free and open civic space across the globe?</i>
	9:00-1:15	Opening Remarks: Masha Gessen
RESIST	9:15-10:30 am	<p>Plenary Lightning Talks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Preaching Beyond the Choir: Engaging Faith Leaders on LGBTIQ Rights in Southern and Eastern Africa</i> (Sponsored by Human Rights Initiative, Open Society Foundations) • <i>Protecting Human Rights Defenders in the Face of Non-State Actors</i> (Sponsored by Ford Foundation, Fund for Global Human Rights, and Grassroots International) • <i>Resisting Militant Masculinities and Big Nuclear Arsenals: Harnessing Intersectionality for a New Nuclear Disarmament Movement</i> (Sponsored by KNR Sisters, Ploughshares Fund, and Rockefeller Brothers Fund) • <i>Software and Human Rights: The Road Ahead</i> (Sponsored by Oak Foundation and Open Society Foundations)
	10:30-11:00 am	Break
	11:00 am-12:30 pm	<p>Concurrent Sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Beyond Playing It Safe(Guard): New Tools and Tactics to Protect Defenders, Advance Accountability in Development Finance, and Move Towards Community-led Development Models</i> (Sponsored by Sage Fund, Wellspring Advisors and 11th Hour Project)

SUPPORT		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Movement-Centered Funding to Promote Human Rights and Justice</i> (Sponsored by International Center on Nonviolent Conflict) • <i>Organizing at the Margins: Supporting Feminist, Lesbian/Bisexual/Queer/Gender Non-Conforming Movements in Restrictive Environments</i> (Sponsored by Urgent Action Fund, Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice, Mama Cash, and Global Philanthropy Project)
	12:30-1:30 pm	Lunch and Working Group Meetings: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Human Rights Defenders Working Group</i> • <i>Latin America Funders Working Group</i> • <i>Environmental Justice and Human Rights Working Group</i> • <i>Middle East and North Africa Working Group</i>
	1:30-3:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Re-imagining Civil Society in the Age of Authoritarianism</i> (Sponsored by American Jewish World Service and Open Society Foundations) • <i>Where do Girls and Young Women Come into the Conversation: Reflecting on Trends and Funder Responses in Support of Youth Organizing and Transformative Leadership</i> (Sponsored by Empower, FRIDA, Global Fund for Children, Mama Cash, STARS Foundation) • <i>Supporting Movements in Difficult Places: Lessons Learned From Public Foundations</i> (Sponsored by Astraea Lesbian Foundation for Justice and Fund for Global Human Rights)
	3:00-3:30 pm	Break
	3:30-5:00 pm	Community Problem Solving
	5:00-6:00 pm	The IHRFG Community: Tactics for Change

THURSDAY, JULY 13

SUPPORT	8:00-9:00 am	Breakfast Breakfast Meeting: Five Years of Advancing Human Rights: So, What's Happened?
	9:00-10:00 am	Plenary Lightning Talks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>From the Inside Out: Creative Models for Local Funding for Civic Engagement and Human Rights</i> (Sponsored by Euro-Mediterranean Foundation of Support to Human Rights Defenders, Global Fund for Women, and Sigrid Rausing Trust) • <i>Rise to the Occasion: Supporting Movements Through Streamlining and Alternative Structures</i> (Sponsored by North Star Fund) • <i>#ShiftThePower – Putting Community Philanthropy at the Heart of Human Rights Work</i> (Sponsored by Global Fund for Community Foundations)
	10:00-10:30 am	Break
	10:30 am-12:00 pm	Modified Open Space to Chart Next Steps
	12:00-1:30 pm	Closing: A Conversation with UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Zeid bin Ra'ad al-Hussein

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