

# GRATITUDE *in* ACTION

Gratitude in Action is the concept that drives the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative. The Aurora Prize Co-Founders launched the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative with the aim of inspiring those who have received aid in times of crises to express gratitude by offering similar assistance to others. As there are countless survivors around the world who owe their lives to the generosity of others, the Co-Founders believe we can best acknowledge such benevolence by taking similar action in return. This is Gratitude in Action.

By involving Aurora supporters around the world, it is the Co-Founders' hope that this can become a global endeavor that will snowball to increase the circle of saviors, and most importantly – the number of those saved.

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HUMANITARIAN INITIATIVE



## AURORA DIALOGUES BERLIN 2018

11-12 DECEMBER 2018

Humanity in a Fragile World: Partnering for Change



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**7**  
Locations



**35**  
Partners



**116**  
Speakers



**2,129**  
Participants

Aurora Dialogues since 2016

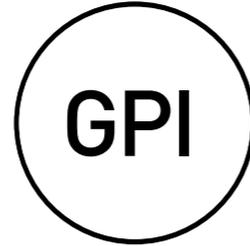
## AURORA DIALOGUES BRING GLOBAL MINDS TOGETHER

The Aurora Dialogues are a platform for the world's leading humanitarians, academics, philanthropists, business leaders, and civil society to come together for a series of insightful discussions to address today's humanitarian challenges in a real and substantial manner and seek to identify ideas that will deliver tangible change.

Over the past three years the Aurora Dialogues have brought together individuals and organizations from all sectors and backgrounds, working for the common good of humanity to engage in discussions around the topics that make up Aurora's core philosophies: from gratitude in action, surviving and thriving and immigrants developing a positive economic impact, to global challenges of migration and acts of heroism under dire circumstances, to the tricky nature of impact of humanitarian organizations, scaling up and ensuring self-reliance through collaboration.

The Dialogues provide an open forum for discussion, to share new ideas and, ultimately, to create a global movement of cooperation and co-creation of initiatives for the solution of the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges.

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We are witnessing a fragile world in need of more humanitarianism. Today's polarization is marked by an accelerating trend of nationalist movements and populist governments turning inwards, making the lives of the most vulnerable even more precarious. Relatedly, the work of humanitarian organizations has been increasingly politicized, complicating access to the people most in need.

The response to these modern-day challenges should be based on genuine partnerships between the various actors engaged in humanitarian action. No single actor has the capacity and resources to face them alone. It is only through linked and coordinated action that the global community can respond to the escalating and multifaceted crises and disasters that demand humanitarian assistance.

Aurora Dialogues Berlin 2018 will focus on multilateral, multi-stakeholder approaches in facilitating timely responses and finding sustainable solutions to the world's most pressing humanitarian crises.

# AGENDA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11 - WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

MODERATOR



**Nik Gowing**

International Broadcaster;  
Visiting Professor Kings College London

COMMENTATOR



**Dorothee Nolte**

Editor,  
Der Tagesspiegel

**EXPERT REMARKS** | Over the two days of the Dialogues we will hear from:



**Kyaw Hla Aung**

Human Rights Activist for the Rohingya in Myanmar; 2018 Aurora Prize Laureate



**Marguerite Barankitse**

Founder, Maison Shalom; 2016 Aurora Prize Laureate



**Ingrid Hamm**

Co-Founder and CEO, Global Perspectives Initiative



**Regina Pötke**

Member of the Executive Board, Roland Berger Stiftung

**DAY 1** AGENDA | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

6:30-7:00 PM Welcome Reception and Registration

**OPENING**

7:00-7:15 PM WELCOME REMARKS



**Joachim Rogall**  
President and CEO, Robert Bosch Stiftung



**Ruben Vardanyan**  
Impact Investor and Social Entrepreneur; Co-Founder, Aurora Humanitarian Initiative

7:15-7:30 PM CONVERSATION



**Tom Catena**  
Physician, Mother of Mercy Hospital in the Nuba Mountains; 2017 Aurora Prize Laureate



**Vartan Gregorian**  
President, Carnegie Corporation of New York; Co-Founder, Aurora Humanitarian Initiative

**DAY 1** AGENDA | TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

**A WORLD UNDER PRESSURE**

7:30-7:35 PM VIDEO MESSAGE



**Jeffrey Sachs**  
Director, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

7:35-8:30 PM DISCUSSION



**Tom Catena**  
Physician, Mother of Mercy Hospital in the Nuba Mountains; 2017 Aurora Prize Laureate



**Wolfgang Huber**  
Former Chair of the Council, Evangelische Kirche Deutschland (EKD)



**Cem Özdemir**  
Former Co-Chair of the German Green Party; Member of German Parliament



**Düzen Tekkal**  
Author and Filmmaker; Founder and Chairwoman, Háwar



**Tania von Uslar-Gleichen**  
Director for Human Rights, International Development and Social Affairs;  
Foreign Office Coordinator Sustainable Development, Federal Foreign Office

8:30-10:00 PM Reception Dinner

9:30-10:00 AM Welcome Coffee and Registration

## OPENING

10:00-10:15 AM WELCOME REMARKS



**Christof Bosch**

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Robert Bosch Stiftung



**Vartan Gregorian**

President, Carnegie Corporation of New York; Co-Founder, Aurora Humanitarian Initiative

10:15-10:35 AM KEYNOTE



**Wolfgang Ischinger**

Chairman, Munich Security Conference

10:35-10:40 AM VIDEO MESSAGE



**Ursula Müller**

UN Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs; Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator, UNOCHA

## SESSION I: HUMANITY IN A FRAGILE WORLD

10:40-12:00 PM DISCUSSION



**Franz Fischler**

President of the European Forum Alpbach; Former Member of the European Commission



**Wolfgang Ischinger**

Chairman, Munich Security Conference



**Michael Keating**

Executive Director, European Institute of Peace



**Christina Lamb**

Author and Foreign Correspondent



**Anja Langenbucher**

Director Europe Office, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

12:00-1:00 PM Lunch Break

**SESSION II: PARTNERING FOR CHANGE**

**1:00-1:05 PM** VIDEO MESSAGE



**Christos Stylianides**  
European Commissioner for Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Management

**1:05-2:20 PM** IMPULSE AND DISCUSSION



**IMPULSE**  
**Michael Werz**  
Senior Fellow, Centre for American Progress



**Katrine Camilleri**  
Director, Jesuit Refugee Service in Malta; Roland Berger Human Dignity Awardee 2014/2015



**Saran Kaba Jones**  
CEO and Founder, FACE Africa; Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow



**Sunitha Krishnan**  
Co-Founder, Prajwala; 2018 Aurora Humanitarian



**Christopher Lockyear**  
Secretary General, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) International

**2:20-2:35 PM** Coffee Break

**SESSION III: SCALING UP IMPACT**

**2:35-3:45 PM** IMPULSE AND DISCUSSION



**IMPULSE**  
**Andreas M. Rickert**  
CEO and Founder, PHINEO



**Goran Buldioski**  
Co-Director, Open Society Initiative for Europe; Director, OSF's Hub-Office in Berlin



**Geert Cappelaere**  
Regional Director for the Middle East and North Africa, UNICEF



**Olivia Leland**  
Founder and Chief Executive Officer, Co-Impact



**Megan Roberts**  
Deputy Director of Policy Planning, United Nations Foundation



**Ruben Vardanyan**  
Impact Investor and Social Entrepreneur; Co-Founder, Aurora Humanitarian Initiative





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Founded on behalf of the survivors of the Armenian Genocide and in gratitude to their saviors, the Aurora Humanitarian Initiative seeks to empower modern-day saviors to offer life and hope to those in urgent

need of basic humanitarian aid anywhere in the world and thus continue the cycle of giving internationally. The Aurora Humanitarian Initiative is Gratitude in Action.

It is an eight-year commitment (2015 to 2023, in remembrance of the eight years of the Armenian Genocide 1915-1923) to support people and promote global projects that tackle the needs of the most helpless and destitute, and do so at great risk. This is achieved through the Initiative's various programs: The Aurora Prize for Awakening Humanity, the Aurora Dialogues, the Aurora Humanitarian Index, the Gratitude Projects and the 100 LIVES Initiative.

The Aurora Humanitarian Initiative is the vision of philanthropists Vartan Gregorian, Noubar Afeyan and Ruben Vardanyan who have been joined by more over 450 new supporters and partners. The Initiative welcomes all who embrace a commitment to our shared humanity.

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The Global Perspectives Initiative (GPI) supports the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, which aim to make the world a fairer and safer place by 2030.

GPI believes that a higher sense of responsibility leads to more opportunities, and more opportunities lead to a better future for everyone. That is why GPI is promoting and supporting the discourse on a sustainable and balanced global development and strongly encourages Germany to increase its international responsibility in global development cooperation. GPI brings together stakeholders from politics, business, media, and civil society, discusses various approaches to sustainable global development, and motivates people to act.

The Global Perspectives Initiative sees itself as a national platform in a global discourse for a fairer world in the future. As a non-profit and neutral platform, the initiative gives rise to new ideas, raises awareness about the opportunities and challenges around the concept of a global society and thereby shapes the public discourse in Germany.

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The Foreign Office is supporting the program 'Strengthening the cooperation with civil society in the countries of the Eastern Partnership and Russia'. The program enables civil society organizations and their citizens to play their role as key players and key partners in government action, and to support ongoing transformation processes in the region.



The Roland Berger Foundation was established in 2008 by management consultant Prof. Dr. h.c. Roland Berger. With the Human Dignity Award, the foundation honors outstanding promoters of human dignity. The foundation's German National Scholarship supports gifted young people from disadvantaged families.

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**Robert Bosch**  
Stiftung

The Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH is one of Europe's largest foundations associated with a private company. In its charitable work, it addresses social issues at an early stage and develops exemplary solutions. For this purpose, it plans and implements its own projects. Additionally, it supports third-party initiatives that have similar goals. The Robert Bosch Stiftung is active in the areas of health, science, society, education, and international relations. Moreover, in the coming years, the Foundation will increasingly direct its activities on three focus areas: "Migration, Integration, and Inclusion", "Social Cohesion in Germany and Europe" and "Sustainable Living Spaces". Since it was established in 1964, the Robert Bosch Stiftung has invested around 1.6 billion euros in charitable work.

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UNICEF works around the world to save children's lives, to defend their rights, and to help them fulfil their potential - from early childhood through adolescence, in developing countries and conflict zones such as Syria, Yemen or South Sudan. The German National Committee for UNICEF was founded in 1953 and is one of the most important pillars to UNICEF's work for children worldwide.



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