Mission Impossible: Retooling for a Changing Environment

Greetings funder. Your mission (and you’ve already accepted it) is: to ensure HIV prevention, care and treatment services that are accessible and responsive to the most vulnerable populations; to protect the human rights of LGBTQ communities, sex workers and injecting drug users; to integrate HIV and SRHR services, ensure access to abortion and family planning; to promote safe and healthy future that allows women and girls to thrive. Right now, forces are conspiring that make your work more difficult, but never fear, our experts will help to prepare and equip you for success in this new, more challenging environment.

AGENDA

9:30  Registration and Coffee

10am  Welcome Julia Greenberg, Open Society Foundations, Setting the Stage John Barnes, FCAA

10:30  The Latest Intel

Our first panel will interpret early indicators from the administration and congress, share what they portend for the future of our work, and explore strategies for addressing barriers to our efforts, including:

- The future of USG domestic and international HIV funding
- Restriction of abortion and family planning services domestically and abroad
- The status of ACA repeal and replace efforts

Panel: Louise van Deth, Aidsfonds – Moderator
     Chris Collins, Friends of the Global Fight
     Heather Boonstra, Guttmacher Institute
     Ann Lefert, NASTAD

12:00  Lunch

1:00  Knowing the Opposition: Learning their language, responding to their interests

This panel of lobbyist and communications experts will help prepare funders to assist their grantees to succeed in the new world order by:

- Knowing who the players are and what they prioritize
- Promoting an understanding of how to develop messages that break through the liberal echo chamber and resonate with potential allies on the right
- Provide instruction on seeking opportunities to identify and build on common ground with those who oppose some of our efforts

Panel: Greg Millett, amfAR – Moderator
     Ambassador Mark Lagon, Friends of the Global Fight
     Regan Hofmann, UNAIDS
     Mitchell Warren, AVAC
     Michael Isbell, Private Consultant

2:30  Adjourn