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CAF America and UNDP to partner for the 2016 International Grantmaking Symposium

New York, NY – April 14, 2016 – Charities Aid Foundation of America (CAF America) and the UN Development Programme (UNDP) have announced they will partner for the 2016 symposium on international philanthropy.

The International Grantmaking Symposium (IGS) will take place on **June 15-16 in NYC** and will bring together leaders in the field to discuss maximizing philanthropic strategies abroad.

“After the robust success of our first International Grantmaking Symposium, CAF America seeks to continue to provide an in-depth training focused on the ins and outs of international grantmaking”, said **Ted Hart**, CEO of CAF America. “CAF America is a leader in the field of international grantmaking, with nearly \$500 million given to charitable organizations in more than 100 countries within the past ten years alone. We have envisaged the IGS to be an educational platform dedicated to sharing our expertise and lessons learned throughout nearly 25 years of experience and invite other professionals from leading organizations in philanthropy to join us in this effort.”

A forum for grantmaking professionals, CSR managers, foundation leaders, and corporate executives, the IGS will provide the participants with the tools to gain an in-depth understanding of international grantmaking, identify new opportunities and successfully navigate the challenges of international philanthropy within the context of the SDGs.

“Philanthropy is a crucial partner in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda because it has a set of complementary assets, which are invaluable at this critical juncture. The knowledge, resources, networks and ingenuity that global and local philanthropic organizations have to offer are crucial in achieving success in the SDGs implementation”, said **Nik Sekhran**, Director and Chief of Profession, Sustainable Development, Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP.

The IGS will take place at the UN Headquarters in New York City. To learn more about CAF America and UNDP’s initiative and to stay updated with news on the International Grantmaking Symposium, visit www.cafamerica.org/igs/

About CAF America

A leader in international philanthropy, Charities Aid Foundation of America (CAF America) has been assisting corporations, foundations, and individuals for over two decades advising donors on making strategic, effective, and tax-advantaged grants internationally and domestically.

Whether supporting organizations working in developing countries, providing swift responses to major disasters, or helping build connections between global communities, CAF America turns donors' visions into impact. In the last 10 years alone, CAF America has granted more than \$450 million in donor funds to more than 3,000 foreign charitable organizations in over 100 countries.

About UNDP

UNDP works in nearly 170 countries and territories, helping to achieve the eradication of poverty, and the reduction of inequalities and exclusion. We help countries to develop policies, leadership skills, partnering abilities, institutional capabilities and build resilience in order to sustain development results.

With the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development adopted, UNDP is committed to supporting countries' efforts to achieve the new Sustainable Development Goals, which will guide global development priorities for the next 15 years.

About the SDGs

Sustainable development goals represent a new and ambitious global development agenda that will guide the international development community for the next fifteen years. The goals weave together social, economic and environmental challenges and solutions, and their creation and adoption by all the world's governments represents the efforts and voices of millions of people across the world. For the first time, the world has a universal development agenda, applied to both, developing and developed countries.

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