

Main Stage

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International Non-Profit Leadership: What Comes Next?

The Forum

The international development and humanitarian landscape is navigating an era of unprecedented complexity—marked by cascading global crises, a vital push toward localization, and rapid technological transformation. To meet these challenges, leadership within international non-profits must evolve. Moderated by NextGen leader, Kelsey Maddox, Tessie San Martin and Chris Skopec will explore the shifting paradigms of global development, the realities of leading through ongoing crises, and the critical competencies required to steer the international non-profit community into the future. Attendees will gain actionable insights on fostering cross-generational mentorship, championing systemic change, and shifting power to local actors, as well as, learning how the demands on leaders have shifted over the past two decades, what competencies are required for the future, and how leaders can learn from one another to balance institutional wisdom with disruptive innovation - all while leading with authenticity and resilience.



Tessie San Martin, Ph.D., MPA
CEO, FHI 360

Dr. Sheila Davis is the Chief Executive Officer of Partners In Health (PIH), a global health organization rooted in social justice. An adult nurse practitioner by training, she earned her Doctor of Nursing Practice in global health from the MGH Institute of Health Professions and has spent her career advancing equitable access to quality health care. Before joining PIH, she spent more than 15 years as a clinical leader in HIV/AIDS care at the Infectious Diseases Clinic at Massachusetts General Hospital. Since joining PIH, she has served as Chief of Ebola Response, Chief of Clinical Operations, and Chief Nursing Officer before becoming CEO in 2019. She also serves on the faculty of the UCSF School of Nursing and the University of Global Health Equity in Rwanda.



Chris Skopec
President, Project HOPE

Chris Skopec is the President of Project HOPE. He provides executive oversight across Project HOPE and helps steer the organization as it scales its impact, deepens partnerships, and advances its mission to place power in the hands of local health care workers. Chris also serves as the Immediate Past Chair for the Partnership for Quality Medical Donations (PQMD) Executive Committee. Chris Skopec is a recognized leader in global health and

emergency response. Most recently, he oversaw Project HOPE's global health programs and led its humanitarian and emergency response efforts. In this capacity, Chris has led initiatives that have strengthened health systems, expanded partnerships, and positioned Project HOPE as a trusted industry leader. Chris brings extensive experience to this role, having served as Senior Director of Emergency Preparedness and Response at International Medical Corps (IMC) and served on the Inter-Agency Standing Committee's Emergency Directors Group (the highest-level humanitarian coordination forum of the U.N. system). He served as IMC's Director of International Operations, as the Country Director in Jordan, and Country Director in the North Caucasus. He also holds regional expertise from East Africa and the Middle East and has led emergency responses across the globe. Chris also served as Assistant Director for External Affairs for the California Conservation Corps. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in anthropology from the University of California, San Diego, and a Master of Arts in Russian and East European studies from Georgetown University.

**Kelsey Maddox [Moderator]**

Government Relations Coordinator, InterAction

Kelsey Maddox is a Government Relations Coordinator at InterAction. In her role she supports and coordinates InterAction's sector working groups focused on budget and appropriations, food security and nutrition, WASH, and regional working groups focused on the Horn of Africa and Latin America. Kelsey regularly engages with the State

Department and Congressional House and Senate offices to track foreign aid funding, advocate for the policies and legislation that impact our member organizations, and monitor NGO response for emergencies in the Horn of Africa and Latin America regions. Prior to InterAction, Kelsey worked at other NGOs doing policy and advocacy work on peacebuilding issues and research on human rights, accountable governance and civic participation.