

Dear Friends,

I am excited to announce two changes to our board of trustees.

First, it would be hard to overstate how pleased I am to announce the addition of a new board member, Paula Moreno. Paula is a living embodiment of everything that the Ford Foundation stands for—she is a social justice pioneer who previously served as the minister of culture in Colombia, the first Afro-Colombian woman and the youngest person to hold a cabinet-level ministry in the history of the country. Paula also founded Manos Visibles, a community-based organization working with Afro-Colombian and indigenous people in the lowest-income region in the country. I recently had a chance to see the incredible work she is doing in Colombia and could not be more excited about the experience, perspective and passion she will bring to our work. Paula was recently selected as a Yale World Fellow and is the recipient of the Order of Saint Charles for her work in government. She was a Hubert H. Humphrey fellow for urban and regional studies at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and received a degree in Italian language and culture at the Italian Institute of Culture and a bachelor of science in industrial engineering from the Autonomous University of Colombia. Studying the sustainable use of biodiversity by local communities in Colombia, Paula also obtained a master of philosophy in management studies at University of Cambridge.

Second, Kofi Appenteng has been elected to serve as the foundation's 11th board chair. Kofi succeeds the inimitable Irene Hirano Inouye, who has fulfilled her four-year term with great distinction. Irene's steady leadership, vision and dedication have been felt throughout the foundation, and we are very gratified that she will continue to serve as a trustee until 2017. Kofi has brought tremendous insight, knowledge and leadership to his role as a trustee since joining the board in 2007. Importantly, he has also gotten a chance to hear from so many of you, including during the staff listening sessions he led during the leadership search last year. He will bring this intimate knowledge of the foundation—and his lifelong commitment to the mission and values that drive us—to his leadership of our board. Kofi is a partner at Constant Capital (Ghana) Limited and chairs the boards of the Africa-America Institute and the International Center for Transitional Justice. He was born in Ghana, came to the U.S. in 1977 and received degrees from Wesleyan University and the Columbia University School of Law.

You can read more about Paula and Kofi in our [press release](#) and learn more about our board on [our website](#). In October, we will host an event at the foundation where you will have the opportunity to celebrate all three trustees. Please join me now in thanking Irene for her service, congratulating Kofi on his new position and welcoming Paula to the board.

With thanks,

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