The Merriam-Webster dictionary defines social welfare as “organized public or private social services for the assistance of disadvantaged groups.” Traditionally, the state has played a key role in providing social services to citizens and the concept of the social welfare state has dominated since the emergence of the first modern welfare programs in the middle of the 19th century in Germany. Despite the fact that both the private and the third/philanthropic sector have played an important role in offering a variety of social services, in the collective unconscious it is the state that carries the main responsibility for the public’s welfare. However, over the last few decades, globalization and rapid technological advances are challenging the classical view of social welfare, emphasizing the need for new models to emerge. The Swedish economist, Anders Åslund, has argued for an alternative model, one in which we move from a social welfare state to a social welfare society. If in the classical form of social welfare, the main provider of social services is the state, in a social welfare society all principals – state, market, and philanthropy – collaborate to pursue and offer pragmatic and effective public services. The second annual Stavros Niarchos Foundation International Conference on Philanthropy aims to discuss social welfare society as an alternative form of social welfare governance, focusing on the role of philanthropy within this model.
DEFEINING A SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY

15:00 – 15:05  Welcoming remarks by Stelios Vasilakis and Lenia Vlavianou, Co-Chiefs of Public Affairs, Stavros Niarchos Foundation

15:05 – 15:30  Opening speech by Andreas Dracopoulos, Co-President, Stavros Niarchos Foundation

15:30 – 16:00  Anders Aslund, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics

16:00 – 17:30  Plenary session 1: The Path to a Social Welfare Society: Current social and philanthropic landscape and the significance of establishing a Social Welfare Society

The panel will frame the big picture, taking into account the current economic and social situation and challenges in the US, and Southern and Northern Europe, as well as globally. In addition, it will provide strategic thinking on the opportunities and responsibilities of NGOs and Foundations to reconstruct, to maintain and to strengthen social links for stronger and more resilient communities and to consider innovative approaches and strategies for the so-called Third sector.

William Antholis, Managing Director, Brookings Institution
Maria Antonakos, Director of Advancement, Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics
George Kaminis, Mayor, Municipality of Athens
Ignacio Saiz, Executive Director, Center for Economic and Social Rights
Gerry Salole, Chief Executive, European Foundation Centre
Moderator: Stelios Vasilakis, Senior Program Officer for Strategy and Initiatives, Stavros Niarchos Foundation

17:45 – 19:15  Break Out Sessions:

Supporting the Underprivileged, and Contributing to Creating a Social Welfare Society

1. Accessible Healthcare for All
Tzanetos Antypas, President, PRAKIS
Pierre Barker, MD, Senior VP, Institute for Healthcare Improvement
Steven Friedman, MD, Chairman, Department of Surgery, New York Downtown Hospital
Panagiotis Koulouvaris, MD, Consultant, Olympic Village Polyclinic

2. Accessible Education for All (Systemic change in the education sector)
Kathy Bartlett, Executive Director, Global Education Fund
Vassilis Kourbetis, Counsellor A, Head of Office of European & International Educational Policy, Institute of Educational Policy
Imad Sabi, Programme Officer, Oxfam International / Board member, Global Campaign for Education
Artemis Zenetou, Executive Director, Fulbright Foundation in Greece

3. Access to Food/Housing/Employment
Rosanne Haggerty, President and CEO, Community Solutions
Xenia Papastavrou, Co-Founder, Boroume
Freek Spinnewijn, Director, European Federation of National Organisations working with the Homeless (FEANTSA)
Christos Zouras, Co-Founder, Organization Earth

4. Disability and Accessibility
Daphne Economou, President, Cerebral Palsy Greece
Michael Fembek, Program Manager, Zero Project, ESSL Foundation
Francesca Rosenberg, Director of Community, Access, and School Programs, Museum of Modern Art
Luk Zelderloo, Secretary General, European Association of Service Providers for People with Disabilities

19:15 – 19:30  Olga Kefalogianni, Minister of Tourism of the Hellenic Republic

19:30 – 19:40  Andre Gerolymatos, Director, Stavros Niarchos Foundation Centre for Hellenic Studies, Simon Fraser University & Costa Dedegikas, Technology Manager, SNF New Media Lab, Simon Fraser University, on the Amazing Athens smartphone application
BUILDING AN EFFECTIVE SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY

09:00 – 10:00  George Soros, Founder, Open Society Foundations; on Philanthropy and its Philosophy

10:00 – 11:30  Plenary session 2: The Third Sector’s Role in Developing Strategies to Pave the Way Towards a Social Welfare Society
   This session will discuss the ability of the third sector to work towards a social welfare society, given current challenges as a result of globalization and technological innovation, and will discuss potential strategies to promote societal change.
   Gary Bagley, Executive Director, New York Cares
   Mareva Grabowski, Founder & Vice Chairman, Endeavor Greece
   Hang Ho, Vice President, Philanthropy & Sponsorship EMEA, JP Morgan Chase Foundation
   Julien Kleszczowski, Projects and Establishments Department, Apprentis d’Auteuil
   Andrés Nader, Program Manager, Freudenberg Stiftung
   Moderator: Robert W. Peck, Ambassador of Canada to Greece

11:00 – 11:30  Networking break

11:30 – 13:00  Break Out Sessions: Means of Building a Social Welfare Society
   1. Third Sector’s Capacity Building (fundraising, sustainability, volunteer management, communication strategy)
      Christine Castille, Membership Services Director, European Venture Philanthropy Association
      Jennifer Clarke, Capacity Building Training Moderator, Africa Educational Trust
      Asteris Houliaras, Professor of Comparative Politics and International Relations, University of the Peloponnese
   2. Community Engagement/Volunteering
      Gabriella Cibisco, Director, European Volunteer Center
      Lionel Foster, Johns Hopkins University Center for Talented Youth
      Eleni Gazi, President, ELIX
      Kate MacKenzie, Director, Policy & Government Relations, City Harvest
   3. Social Entrepreneurship Development
      Arnaud Mourot, Director General, Ashoka France
      Decker Ngongang, Senior Associate, OSF Black Male Achievement Fellowship, Echoing Green
      Anna Pouskouri-Reiche, Founding Member, Junior Achievement Greece
   4. Microfinance Best Practices
      Clara Gaztelu, Director of Development Unit, Fundación ONCE
      Marie Nowak, President, Adie
      Donella Rapier, Chief Development and Administrative Officer, Accion
      Suresh Sundaresan, Chase Manhattan Bank Professor of Economics and Finance, Columbia University

13:30 – 15:00  Lunch

15:00 – 16:00  Keynote speech by Garry Kasparov, Chairman, Kasparov Chess Foundation

16:00 – 16:30  Networking break

16:30 – 18:00  Plenary session 3: Collaboration as a means of progress and development
   The panel will explore best practice examples, as well as new ideas on the collaboration between NGOs, NGOs/private sector, NGOs/public sector, foundations/private sector, PPPs, etc.
   Oheneba Boachie-Adjei, MD, Founder & President, FOCOS
   Yannis Boutaris, Mayor, Municipality of Thessaloniki
   Martyn Evans, Chief Executive, Carnegie UK Trust
   Gary Oppenheimer, Founder and Executive Director, AmpleHarvest.org
   Marta Solsona, Program Manager of International Programs, "la Caixa" Foundation
   Moderator: Rosien Herweijer, Director, GrantCraft

18:00 - 18:30  Closing remarks from the Stavros Niarchos Foundation:
   John Zervakis, Co-Chief Operating Officer
   Myrto Xanthopoulou, Head Program Officer, Social Welfare & Health
   Eva Polyzogopoulou, Head Program Officer, Arts, Culture & Education

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