

## Aurora Dialogues Yerevan 2018

Inspire, Empower, Impact

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'Inspire, Empower, Impact' – this year's Aurora Dialogues in Yerevan took place with the support of the Federal Foreign Office and in collaboration with the Global Perspectives Initiative (GPI). Dr. Tom Catena, winner of the Aurora Prize in 2017, described in his opening statement what this year's Dialogues meant to him: 'I want to tell the young people: Take heart, you can do anything. There is a huge amount of suffering in the world. Take some of this suffering into yourself to help.' A call for motivation and the identification of approaches for humanitarian engagement were the main issues. High-level decision-makers from civil society, business and politics such as former US Ambassador to the United Nations Samantha Power, former German Vice Chancellor and Minister of Economic Affairs Philipp Rösler or Médecins Sans Frontières Frontières co-Founder Bernard Kouchner, met to discuss and address the most urgent humanitarian issues of today's world. The Aurora Dialogues Yerevan 2018 emphasized the importance of learning from the past, acting in the present and promoting a better future. A series of lectures and podium discussions explored how inspiration and empowerment can contribute to achieving lasting and sustainable impact.

### **Speakers:**

**Noubar Afeyan**, Co-Founder Aurora Humanitarian Initiative

**Héctor Tomás González Castillo**, Founder La 72

**Dr Tom Catena**, Chairman Aurora Humanitarian Initiative

**Ara Darzi**, Director Institute of Global Health Innovation Imperial College

**Gareth Evans**, former Foreign Minister Australia

Alice Greenwald, President and CEO National September Memorial & Museum  
Vartan Gregorian, President Carnegie Corporation of New York and Co-Founder Aurora Humanitarian Initiative  
U Kyaw Hla Aung, Aurora Prize Laureate 2018  
Bernard Kouchner, Co-Founder Doctors Without Borders  
Sunitha Krishnan, Co-Founder Prajwala  
Preethi Nallu, Founder and Editor Refugees Deeply  
Umra Omar, Founder Safari Doctors  
Samantha Power, former UN-Ambassador of the United States of America  
Mary Robinson, Chair, The Elders; Former President of Ireland and Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights; Aurora Prize Selection Committee Member  
Dr Philipp Rösler, CEO Hainan Cihang Foundation  
Ruben Vardanyan, Co-Founder Aurora Humanitarian Initiative  
Ernesto Zedillo, former President Mexiko  
Mike van Kauenbergh, Director Fondation du Grand-Duc et de la Grande-Duchesse

**Moderation:**

Jane Corbin, Journalist and Film Maker BBC Panorama

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