By tapping into capital markets, we can achieve some of the world’s most pressing development goals, while simultaneously earning a market return for investors. How? In this seminar we’ll discuss the mechanisms that can bring this about—some of them already deployed today—and also reflect on why it’s so important to move in this direction, and away from traditional philanthropy.

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