**Fact Sheet and Commitment at the World Humanitarian Summit**

The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation was created in 1944 by international business pioneer Conrad N. Hilton, who founded Hilton Hotels and left his fortune to help the world’s disadvantaged and vulnerable people. The Hilton Foundation currently conducts strategic initiatives in six priority areas: providing safe water, ending chronic homelessness, preventing substance use, helping children affected by HIV and AIDS, supporting transition-age youth in foster care, and extending Conrad Hilton’s support for the work of Catholic Sisters. From its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than $1.4 billion in grants, distributing $107 million in the U.S. and around the world in 2015.

With a mandate from our founder to relieve the suffering of distressed and destitute people, the Foundation has placed a priority on responding to disasters. During the past 25 years, the Disaster Relief and Recovery Major Program Area has evolved considerably, with lessons learned from our own grantmaking responses to large scale events such Hurricane Katrina in 2005. These lessons, published in our *In Practice Paper* on philanthropic grantmaking in disasters, suggests “best practices” that are also present in the Agenda for Humanity. These recommendations, which we incorporate into our own current grantmaking, includes support for practical collaborations in **community resiliency efforts**, **investing in local capacities**, and encouraging the **reinforcement of national and local systems**.

To maximize the potential value of our financial support, the Foundation also supports innovative projects that fill strategic gaps within the sector. We realize the potential for philanthropy to become more effective via a more collaborative approach, and continue to fund projects such as the **SDG Philanthropy Platform** that aim to do so.

The Foundation makes the following commitments at the World Humanitarian Summit:

* Support Disaster Relief and Recovery activities for a total of 10 million USD over five years (2 million USD/year)
* Award the **Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize** annually (2 million USD/year) to a nonprofit organization doing extraordinary work to reduce human suffering.
* Pledge 300,000 USD (through a combination of financial and in-kind support) to the Connecting Business Initiative
* Support the SDG Philanthropy Platform (1.4 million USD through 2017) as a model for multi-stakeholder engagement in the humanitarian sector