



Muhammed Yunus, Abhijit Banerjee and Eliana La Ferrara arrive in Pisa for Andrea Bocelli Foundation.

After the great success achieved by the first workshop of July 6 dedicated to the program "Challenges", now is the time of "Break the Barriers Program" whose goal is to promote and support projects to fight poverty in Italy and in particular in developing countries.

Opening by the soul of the Foundation, Andrea Bocelli who will give the welcome to everyone. Eliana La Ferrara, Professor of Development Economics from Bocconi University in Milan will start the works. La Ferrara has been involved for years in the study of the economies of developing countries, first as a volunteer then as a scholar has traveled to get to know, to understand, to analyze. She resume her intent to conciliate is economist role with her sensitivity to poverty in this phrase : "The economy is not just management and finance, but also the study of reality in the developing world. Our economic and industrial system necessarily interacts with these countries."

Afterwards the Indian economist Abhijit Vinayak Banerjee, director and cofounder dell'Abdul Latif Jameel Poverty Action Lab, whose text "Poor Economics" has been chosen as the best economic book of the year by the "Financial Times".

The guest of honor of this workshop, is Prof. Muhammad Yunus, Nobel Peace Prize 2006 and founder of Grameen Bank. The Grameen Bank or Village bank, was the first bank to deal with microcredit. Founded in 1976, was the first bank of the poor, the first bank to provide microcredits to the poor without requiring collateral premises, and thereby ensuring their access to credit . Prof Yunus is therefore regarded as a symbol of the new economy starting at the bottom. The meeting also involved Mrs. Monica Yunus, the professor daughter, founder of Sing for Hope, a no-profit organization that mobilize professional artists in volunteer service programs to support the needy situation in Usa and in the Developing Countries.

All of the relators are members, with different positions, of the Advisory Board of Andrea Bocelli Foundation and they support the Foundation in the projects development.

The two-day workshops will be closed by Laura Biancalani, President of the Andrea Bocelli Foundation.



In this event, under the suggestion of the Tower of Pisa, it will be launched the two days of Teatro del Silenzio with a music and aperitif moment.

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