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## **Powell Speaks on Entrepreneurial Ecosystems at National Week of the Entrepreneur and Announces Upcoming Mexico Retreat**

**Mexico City, Mexico-** This week thousands of entrepreneurs, investors, and members of the public sector converge in Mexico City for National Week of the Entrepreneur. According to Secretary of the Economy Ildefonso Guajardo Villarreal and National Institute of the Entrepreneur (INADEM) President Enrique Jacob Rocha, the annual event is “the most important business and entrepreneurship event of Mexico.”

Yesterday Ben Powell, Founder and CEO of Agora Partnerships, joined the esteemed lineup of Entrepreneur Week presenters, speaking on a panel entitled “Promoting Entrepreneurial Ecosystems in Emerging Markets” alongside Rosario Uriarte of ANDE, Amanda Jacobson of Village Capital, Luis Ramírez of FEMSA, and Vicente Ferreyra Acosta of Sustentur.

During the panel Powell discussed successful models for ecosystem building across Latin America and the Caribbean, Mexico as a regional and global player, and Agora Partnerships’ increased commitment in the country.

“The strength of entrepreneurship ecosystems depends in large measure on the amount of trust, capital, and effective information flow coursing through it,” said Powell.

Powell also announced the organization’s plan to host their upcoming Entrepreneur Retreat to kick-off its 2017 Accelerator near Mexico City saying, “The Mexican social entrepreneurship ecosystem is growing fast and has great talent in it.”

Next week Powell will attend Opportunity Collaboration in Cancún and has media availability. To schedule please contact Elysa Neumann at eneumann@agorapartnerships.org.

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