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The Meridian Global Leadership Council is a network of individuals who support Meridian's commitment to strengthening U.S. engagement with the world, providing neutral forums for international dialogue and collaboration, and preparing public and private sector leaders for a complex global future. Council members engage in Meridian's year-round programming to create a more stable, peaceful, and prosperous world. Members:

- Gain knowledge and build networks by interacting with Meridian's diverse network of foreign and domestic government officials, the diplomatic corps, corporate partners, emerging leader program participants, and leaders from the business, NGO, and cultural communities;
- Participate in critical discussions on current public affairs, issues relevant to the United States and foreign diplomatic communities, and business and international policy trends;
- Advance Meridian's mission of non-partisan diplomacy in the United States and abroad.

Each member has the opportunity to engage in Meridian's communities of interest including the Meridian Global Women's Initiative, Meridian Center for Cultural Diplomacy, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, and other regional and issue-focused programs.

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Thank you for joining us for the 2016 Meridian Global Leadership Summit.

As we witness unprecedented change, upheaval, and instability in every corner of the world, Meridian's team chose to focus on "Restoring Confidence in Leaders and Institutions", as the theme for this



year's Summit. We believe that the challenges we face are too interconnected for countries to solve domestic and international issues in silos. We also believe that leaders who have a global view, cultural awareness, peer networks, and the ability to collaborate produce better outcomes – for their communities and countries.

Today, we will examine what people want from their leaders and for their futures, and how a more effective global system – one that understands other cultures and societies – is able to break down barriers among government, the private sector, NGOs and other stakeholders to create solutions for the benefit of all. We will also explore the critical role of the digital economy in helping people in every corner of the world to connect, share resources, and access opportunities for socio-economic development.

This morning's discussions will be anchored by the most recent findings of the *Gallup World Poll: "Rating World Leadership – What People Worldwide Think"*. We thank Gallup for providing this invaluable data, collected in more than 160 countries around the world to track and analyze how people view their leadership as well as the leadership of China, the European Union, Germany, Russia and the United States.

We are grateful to our distinguished speakers and panelists, as well as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Albright Stonebridge Group; and U.S. News & World Report, as well as the other sponsors with whom this Summit would not have been possible.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the many corporate, government, and diplomatic leaders who have supported the Global Leadership Summit over the last five years, as well as Meridian's mission of advancing effective global leadership.

Finally, we express our deep appreciation to you - our guests. Without your support, we would not have the opportunity to collaborate on some of the most pressing problems and challenges facing the world today. We truly hope that this year's Summit helps us restore confidence in the power of global leadership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carlos M. Gutierrez".

Secretary Carlos M. Gutierrez
Chairman
Meridian International Center

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart W. Holliday".

Ambassador Stuart W. Holliday
President and CEO
Meridian International Center



DON BAER

**Worldwide Chair and Chief Executive Officer,
Burson-Marsteller**

Don Baer runs the global strategic communications firm Burson-Marsteller, a WPP company. He is also Chair of research firm Penn, Schoen and Berland. Baer has been part of Burson-Marsteller's senior leadership since 2008 and has led major client engagements in every sector and part of the world. Baer's career has spanned leading roles as a media and communications executive for important business, government and non-profit organizations. From 1998 to 2007, Baer was a top executive at

global media company Discovery Communications. From 1994-98, he served President Bill Clinton as a senior White House adviser. As Assistant to the President and White House Director of Strategic Planning and Communications and, before, as Chief Speechwriter/Director of Speechwriting and Research, Baer helped lead the historic 1996 re-election campaign, drove integrated communications strategies across domestic and foreign policy, and developed many major Presidential speeches and policy initiatives. Baer is Chair of the Board of Directors of PBS, the U.S. Public Broadcasting Service, and is a member of the Board of Directors of Meredith Corporation. He also serves on the Boards of The Urban Institute, the News Literacy Project, Project Word, the PR Council, the Reuters Editorial Advisory Board and Fora.tv and on the Advisory Council of The First Year: POTUS 2017 Project at The University of Virginia's Miller Center for Public Affairs. Baer received a B.A. from The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (Phi Beta Kappa), a Master's in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science and a J.D. from The University of Virginia School of Law.



HON. MATTHEW W. BARZUN

Ambassador of the United States of America to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Matthew W. Barzun has been America's ambassador to the UK since 2013. Previously he served as U.S. Ambassador to Sweden from 2009-2011. He was a pioneer in the early days of the internet, becoming the fourth employee of CNET Networks in 1993 and working there until 2004 in a variety of roles including Chief Strategy Officer and Executive Vice President. Before the President's election in 2008, Ambassador Barzun was among the first to

join Barack Obama's National Finance Committee where he produced the first \$25 per-person fundraiser and helped teach Obama University for campaign volunteers. President Obama selected him as National Finance Chair for his 2012 re-election campaign. Ambassador Barzun has served on the boards of many non-profits focused on education, public policy, and interfaith relations. He lives in London with his wife, three children and their dog, Lincoln, and Kentucky remains his home.



MEGAN BEYER

Executive Director, President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities

Megan Beyer is a communications and strategic advisor who has spent much of her career advocating for arts, education and women in the economy. She is a regular panelist on the national PBS program, *To the Contrary*, and speaks at national and international conferences on leadership. From 2009-2013, Beyer chaired a bilateral women leaders project, *Sister Republics*, with the U.S. Embassy in Switzerland exploring private sector drivers for gender equality in the workplace. For the past two years she has represented the first global gender equality certification, EDGE Certification. For ten years Ms. Beyer served on the board of WETA-26 the public television station in Washington, DC. She was a trustee on the national board of Reading is Fundamental, has served on the board of the Virginia Ballet and Theater Four in Richmond, Virginia. During the years the Wolf Trap Center for the Performing Arts was creating the Early Learning Institute, Ms. Beyer served on the Wolf Trap Associates' Board, breaking previous fundraising records chairing the annual Ball in 1999. From 2004 to 2009 she was Finance Chair of the Virginia Community Colleges System Board. Ms. Beyer serves on the board of the Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture, a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating a more sustainable local food system in the Washington DC area. An award winning journalist, Ms. Beyer regularly writes for *The Huffington Post*, *Role Reboot*, and *The SHRIVER Report* on the glass ceiling and gender workplace issues. From 1995 to 2005, she anchored and reported for ESPN's *Nation's Business Today*, the USA Network's *First Business*. She began her career doing political and general assignment reporting for Media General's News Channel 8 and the CBS affiliate WTVR Channel Six in Richmond, Virginia. Ms. Beyer graduated magna cum laude from the University of Richmond.



JOIE CHEN

Journalist

Joie Chen is an award-winning journalist and expert in branded communications. Chen is internationally recognized for her service as lead anchor on CNN and CNN International. She was the first presenter of CNNI's original programs in Asia prime-time hours. On the U.S. network, she hosted a variety of programs including a daily town-hall talk show and the network's flagship news program. She won multiple awards for presentation and news coverage during her time at CNN, including an Emmy for breaking news. In 2002, she joined CBS News as a Correspondent in Washington, D.C. She covered the White House, Capitol Hill and other Washington beats. Chen won her second Emmy as lead correspondent for the D.C. Sniper attacks. She was a key contributor to "CBS Sunday Morning", and covered the 2004 and 2008 presidential campaigns. At the launch of Al Jazeera America, Chen was named host of "America Tonight", the network's primetime flagship program. In addition to hosting the program, Chen reported stories from 30 states, the Philippines and Japan. Outside of traditional media, Chen has served as an executive and consultant to non-media organizations in developing video content for use on the air and on-line. She is a board member of her alma mater, Northwestern University's Medill School of Journalism, and has served on the boards of several diversity and journalism education organizations.



JON CLIFTON

Managing Partner, Gallup

Jon Clifton manages Gallup’s global government work and the Gallup World Poll, an ongoing study conducted in more than 160 countries, representing 98% of the world’s adult population. He is a member of Gallup’s Public Release Committee, the governance board that oversees and maintains Gallup’s public release standards for data, research, and methodology. Mr. Clifton is a nonresident Senior Fellow at Baylor University’s Institute for Studies of Religion. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Meridian International Center, StreetWise Partners, and Chess Challenge. Mr. Clifton received a B.A. in political science and history from the University of Michigan and a J.D. with a focus in international law from the University of Nebraska. He lives and works in Washington, DC.



ANDREW F. GELFUSO

**Vice President of Global Business Development,
Office of Trade Promotion, Ronald Reagan
Building and International Trade Center**

Andrew F. Gelfuso is Vice-President at Trade Center Management Associates (TCMA), a privately held, wholly owned subsidiary of the Boston based Drew Company. TCMA serves as the fullservice, property management company for the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center. As Vice-President, Mr. Gelfuso leads the global mission of the Center while focusing on international business development, program promotion, business matchmaking, outreach, trade counseling, strategic partnerships, government, and diplomatic relations. Mr. Gelfuso graduated in 1997 from Hobart College in Geneva, New York, with a degree in Political Science. He earned his MBA with a concentration in International Business in 2001 from Johnson and Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. In the spring of 1996, he earned a certificate from Vietnam National University in Vietnamese. Mr. Gelfuso has authored articles on international trade which have been published in several newspapers. Mr. Gelfuso serves on the board of the Embassy Series, the Corporate Committee for the National Trust for the Mall, the District Export Council of DC/VA (DEC), and serves as an advisor on the Administration’s Industry Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC) appointed by the Secretary of Commerce.



GARGEЕ GHOSH

**Director of Development Policy and Finance,
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**

Gargee Ghosh leads the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation’s international policy team, which develops and funds innovative ideas to make finance more effective in solving the problems of extreme poverty around the world. The team also provides analysis to Foundation leadership, including Bill & Melinda Gates, on trends and opportunities in international policy. Ghosh previously held senior positions at Google.org and in the international development practice of McKinsey & Company, as well as at the Center for Global Development. She has also worked in the Gates Foundation’s Global Health division, where she helped launch the Foundation’s first significant blended finance deals. Ghosh is also serving a two-year term on President Obama’s Global Development Council and she sits on the U.S. board of Camfed. She holds a graduate degree in economics from the University of Oxford and in international relations from Georgetown University, and a bachelor’s degree in economics from the University of Victoria in Canada. She is based in the Foundation’s Washington, D.C. office where she lives with her husband and two young children.



H.E. EMANUEL GONZALEZ-REVILLA

Ambassador of the Republic of Panama to the United States

Co-Chair, Meridian Ball

Emanuel Gonzalez-Revilla was appointed to serve as the Ambassador of the Republic of Panama to the United States in August of 2014. Born and raised in Panama City, Panama, Ambassador Gonzalez-Revilla was educated in the United States, attending the Peddie School in Hightstown, NJ, later to earn his Bachelor's degree from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and his Master's degree from the University of Miami. Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Gonzalez-Revilla was a renowned businessman in a broad array of industries, serving in capacities including: Chairman and Co-Founder of both Panama Power Holdings, Ltd., a clean energy venture, and Mejones Oil Terminal, Inc., a full service fuel storage facility in the Panama Canal; and Vice Chairman of Trader Tankers, Ltd., a barge and bunkering operation providing fuel to ships crossing The Panama Canal. Ambassador Gonzalez-Revilla is a Member of the Board of Overseers of the Graduate School of Education of the University of Pennsylvania and has been a member of the Young Presidents Organization since 2004. Ambassador Gonzalez-Revilla and his wife Luciana have two sons, Emanuel III and Alejandro.



HON. CARLOS M. GUTIERREZ

Chair, Albright Stonebridge Group

Chairman, Meridian International Center

Carlos Gutierrez is Chair of Albright Stonebridge Group, bringing unparalleled international trade and investment expertise and management talents to the firm. He served as the U.S. Secretary of Commerce from 2005 to 2009 under President George W. Bush, and joined ASG from Citi, where he served as Vice Chairman of the Institutional Clients Group and a member of the Senior Strategic Advisory Group. His background adds to the firm's already

deep understanding of the different languages of business, government and civil society, and where they intersect. His global business insights, international expertise, and integrity add value for clients worldwide in the practice of commercial diplomacy. Mr. Gutierrez was born in Havana, Cuba. He joined the Bush administration in 2005 after spending nearly 30 years with Kellogg Company, a global manufacturer and marketer of well-known food brands, where he started as a sales representative in Mexico City. After assignments in Latin America, Canada, Asia, and the United States, he became President and Chief Executive Officer in 1999 — the youngest CEO in the company's 100-year history. In April 2000, he was named Chairman of the Board of Kellogg Company. As the 35th Secretary of the U.S. Department of Commerce, Secretary Gutierrez was responsible for heading a Cabinet agency with almost 40,000 employees and a \$6.5 billion budget focused on promoting American business at home and abroad. During his tenure as Secretary, he worked with foreign government and business leaders to advance economic relationships, enhance trade, and promote U.S. exports. Secretary Gutierrez also played a key role in the passage of landmark free trade agreements that strip away trade barriers, expand export opportunities and boost global investment. Mr. Gutierrez is chairman of Republicans for Immigration Reform, the political action group that he co-founded in 2012. He also serves as a National Trustee at the University of Miami and as a visiting scholar at the University's Institute for Cuban and Cuban American Studies. He is a trustee on the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, on the Board of Trustees of Meridian International Center, and a Member of the Board of the U.S.-Mexico Foundation. He also sits on the boards of the Occidental Petroleum Corporation and Met Life, Inc.



HON. STUART W. HOLLIDAY

President and CEO, Meridian International Center

Before coming to Meridian, Ambassador Stuart Holliday served as United States Ambassador for Special Political Affairs at the United Nations (2003-2005), after his nomination by the President and confirmation by the Senate. Holliday's primary duties involved representing the United States on issues in the U.N. Security Council. This included responsibility for U.S. policy on U.N. Peacekeeping, Sanctions, and Counterterrorism programs. Prior to serving at the United Nations, Holliday was Coordinator (Assistant Secretary) of the U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Information Programs and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs. From 2000 to 2001, he was Special Assistant to the President and Associate Director of Presidential Personnel at the White House. At the White House, he advised the President on all National Security appointments including the Defense Department, State Department, the Veterans Department, FEMA, NASA, OPIC, Peace Corps, USAID and Ambassadorships. Following the attacks of September 11, Holliday was tasked by the President's Chief of Staff to work with government agencies to staff the first Office of Homeland Security at the White House. From 1998 to 2000, he served as Policy Advisor to then Governor of Texas. In this capacity he had specific responsibility for economic development, international trade, technology and military issues, and served on the Governor's liaison to the National Guard. He has also served as Executive Director of the Dallas Council on World Affairs, and as Regional Director for North Africa, the Middle East and Turkey at the International Republican Institute (IRI) where he worked on political reform and elections. Holliday served on active and reserve duty as an Officer in the United States Navy (Intelligence) from 1988 until 1995 and was recalled to active duty for Operation Desert Storm. He is a recipient of the Joint Service Commendation Medal and other awards. He obtained his B.S.F.S. (International Affairs) from Georgetown University and his M.A. (International Affairs) from the London School of Economics and Political Science. Holliday is a life member of the Council on Foreign Relations and serves on the Board of Directors for the Council of American Ambassadors, the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress, Institute for Veterans and Military Families, Swift Spinning Inc., and on the National Advisory Board of Public Insight LLC, an investment advisory firm. Holliday is a frequent speaker on national security and foreign policy issues. He regularly appears on television programs such as CNN, Fox News, National Public Radio, CBS, BBC, MSNBC, and a variety of international media networks as an expert commentator.



BRIAN KELLY

**Editor and Chief Content Officer,
U.S. News & World Report**

Brian Kelly is a member of the *U.S. News & World Report* executive committee with primary responsibility for all the company's content, which includes the websites usnews.com and rankingsandreviews.com, print and e-book guides on education and health care, and a conference and events business. Kelly has led the transformation of *U.S. News* from a traditional print news magazine to a largely digital publishing company with a range of influential products including the Best Colleges, Best Hospitals

and new Best Countries rankings. Under his leadership, usnews.com has gained an audience of more than 35 million monthly users. Kelly and his team also expanded *U.S. News'* Money, Personal Finance, and Health content and launched new Car and Travel products as well as two national conferences. He is the chairman of U.S. News STEM Solutions, a national forum that brings together corporations, educators and policymakers working to help the U.S. fill jobs by creating a more skilled and competitive workforce, and The Healthcare of Tomorrow event. Kelly joined U.S. News in 1998 after serving as a senior editor at *The Washington Post*; he was named editor at U.S. News in April 2007. Kelly is the author of *Adventures in Porkland* (Random House, 1992) a study of the congressional budget process. With Mark London, he co-authored *The Four Little Dragons* (Simon & Shuster, 1989), an exploration of the developing economies of Asia, and *Amazon* (Harcourt Brace, 1983), a look at the economic and cultural forces behind the clearing of the Amazon rainforest. They published a sequel, *The Last Forest*, in 2007. Kelly has appeared on numerous television and radio programs including CBS This Morning, NBC's Today Show, White House Chronicles and National Public Radio. He is a Vice President of the Economic Club of Washington and a Board member of The Children's Inn of The National Institutes of Health.



DEIDRE CRISTAL LEE KIN

**Co-Founder and Chief Operations Officer,
Dingole Ltd.**

**Fellow, White House’s Young Leaders of the
Americas Initiative**

Deidre Cristal Lee Kin is breaking down barriers in the field of technology. She is a co-founder of the e-commerce business Dingole and the visionary behind Dingole’s flagship project Trinipedia. This is the first mobile Augmented Reality (AR) platform in Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean. Trinipedia uses AR, a cutting-edge technology that allows for a digitally enhanced view of the real world, connecting people with more meaningful content about everyday objects in everyday life. Lee Kin has eleven years of sales experience. She has a B.A in Marketing Management, an L.L.B in legal studies, and is currently participating as a fellow in the White House’s Young Leaders of the Americas Initiative (YLAJ). Sponsored by the U.S. Department of State and administered by Meridian International Center, YLAJ is empowering 250 entrepreneurs and civil society leaders from Latin America and the Caribbean to strengthen their capacity to launch and advance their entrepreneurial ideas and to effectively contribute to social and economic development in their communities and societies through five week fellowships at NGOs and businesses across the U.S.



H.E. DR. HAMDULLAH MOHIB

Ambassador of Afghanistan to the United States

Before being appointed Ambassador to the United States, Dr. Hamdullah Mohib served as Deputy Chief of Staff to the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan. In this role, he oversaw the offices of the spokesperson, diplomatic communications, protocol, petitions and the Presidential secretariat. During his tenure at the Presidential Palace, Dr. Mohib was a liaison with governmental counterparts and engaged in preparation and implementation of official presidential visits as part of the administration's strategy for geopolitical and economic integration.

Dr. Mohib led the presidential negotiating team for several inter-government cooperation agreements and the formulation of Afghanistan's national development "Realizing Self-Reliance" reform strategy. Before joining the government, Dr. Mohib worked for the American University of Afghanistan and Intel Corporation. He has been an active leader in civil society among the global Afghan community and founded the Afghan Students Association of the UK, the largest Afghan diaspora youth association in Europe. Dr. Mohib founded and served as Chairman of the Board for the Afghan Professionals Network, through which he started the think-tank "Discourse Afghanistan" to initiate community service programming to support special needs orphans in Kabul, and to recognize achievements of Afghan women.



HON. WENDY R. SHERMAN

Senior Counselor, Albright Stonebridge Group

As Senior Counselor at Albright Stonebridge Group, Ambassador Sherman brings decades of experience in business, government, international affairs, and politics to help clients gain understanding of geopolitical developments, navigate international markets, and address policy challenges around the world. In her distinguished service as Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs at the U.S. Department of State, Ambassador Sherman oversaw the bureaus for Africa, East Asia and the Pacific, Europe and Eurasia, the Near East, South and Central Asia, the Western

Hemisphere, and International Organizations. She also led the U.S. negotiating team in reaching a successful conclusion of the Iran nuclear agreement, and was awarded the National Security Medal by President Barack Obama in recognition of her diplomatic accomplishments. Prior to her most recent service at the State Department, Ambassador Sherman served as Counselor (1997-2001) and Special Advisor to President Clinton and Policy Coordinator on North Korea. In that role, she worked with then Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on every major foreign policy and national security issue. From 1993-1996, Ambassador Sherman served as Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs under Secretary of State Warren Christopher. Earlier in her career, she managed Senator Barbara Mikulski's first successful campaign for the U.S. Senate and served as Director of EMILY's List. She is currently a Senior Fellow at Harvard's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and a member of the President's Intelligence Advisory Board, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Aspen Strategy Group.

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Meridian International Center is a premier global leadership organization headquartered in Washington, DC. Building on more than 55 years of experience, Meridian prepares U.S. and international leaders to meet global challenges and opportunities. Our suite of programs delivers the approach and environment for leaders to understand global issues and cultures, exchange ideas, collaborate on solutions, and build valuable relationships.

OUR VISION

Meridian envisions a more secure and prosperous world that is characterized by mutual understanding, innovation, economic growth, and inclusion. Meridian believes the path to realizing its vision is through more effective and connected public and private sector global leadership at all levels.

OUR WORK

Meridian's suite of programs delivers the approach and environment for leaders to understand global issues and cultures, exchange ideas, collaborate on solutions, and build valuable relationships.

EXCHANGES

Meridian's tailored exchange programs allow leaders from around the world to connect with their American counterparts and collaborate on solutions to challenges facing their communities, organizations, and countries.

CULTURE

Through the Meridian Center for Cultural Diplomacy, we create exhibitions, trainings, exchanges, and conferences that bridge cultural divides. These programs increase understanding and strengthen relationships between the U.S. and countries around the world.

FORUMS

In addition to tailored program series, Meridian conducts public programs throughout the year – including roundtables, panel discussions, receptions, and more – on timely topics of interest. By convening Meridian's high-level, cross-sector audience, these Forums create opportunities to build networks, exchange ideas, and forge lasting solutions to shared global challenges.

TRAINING

Building on more than 55 years of experience, Meridian's custom training programs combine practical tools with expertise from our high-level network, ensuring our private and public sector partners are equipped to navigate global challenges and opportunities.

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