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How can the public and private sectors work together to advance technology and innovation, while protecting individual liberties and national security?

How can the U.S. partner with technology companies and our allies around the world to combat the spread of disinformation and restore trust?

What education initiatives and training policies best prepare countries to meet the demands of the future workforce?

Experts in technology, foreign relations and business will address the answers to these questions and more at the [Meridian Global Leadership Summit](#) next month. The Summit convenes 200 senior level business leaders, U.S. government officials, diplomats and policy influencers in a *neutral, non-partisan* forum.

What: Meridian Global Leadership Summit

Where: The Pavilion at Ronald Regan Building and International Trade Center
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

When: Friday, October 12, 8:30 to 11:00 am

The economy, jobs, immigration and border security are top of minds as American voters head to the polls in a few weeks for the midterm elections. This year's Summit will address how leaders can prepare for a digitally-driven future across sectors and borders, the increasing influence of digital technology and innovation on foreign policy and international business, and the global responses needed to address these changes.

Confirmed speakers include:

- Oscar Munoz, United Airlines CEO;
- Chris Whittle; Whittle School and Studios CEO;
- His Excellency Jose Manuel G. Romualdez, Ambassador of the Philippines;
- U.S. Sen. Roger Wicker (R-Miss.), Senate Commerce, Science and Transportation Committee;
- U.S. Rep. Francis Rooney (R-Fla.), House Committee on Foreign Affairs;
- Ambassador Carlos Gutierrez, Chair of Albright Stonebridge Group;
- Tim Hwang, FiscalNote Founder and CEO;
- Michèle Flournoy, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, WestExec Advisors (Former Senior Advisor to the Secretary of Defense and Former White House National Security Council)
- Kara Swisher, Executive Editor, *Recode*
- Sarah Wildman, Deputy Editor, *Foreign Policy*
- Molly Kinder, Senior Advisor, Work, Workers and Technology with New America;
- Sharon Grant, Vice President for Community Affairs with United Airlines; and
- Ambassador Stuart Holliday, Meridian International Center President and CEO.

The Summit will also feature discussions about automation and closing the global skills gap; pending federal privacy legislation and the unintended consequences for businesses; the future of education; and how the largest looming national security threat isn't nuclear, biological or chemical weapons – it is an attack on data and information.

Foreign Policy is the media partner for this year's Summit. The Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center (RRB/ITC), presented by Trade Center Management Associates (TCMA), joins Meridian again as a lead sponsor and host of the 2018 Summit.

Note: The Summit is an invitation *only* event. Please let [Luci Manning](#) know if you would like an invitation or to learn more as additional speakers are added.

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