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**Senator Joe Manchin, Ambassador Michael Froman to join German and New Zealand Ambassadors among other speakers at 2019 Meridian Global Leadership Summit**

As global citizens and consumers, we all want to know how the changing landscapes in energy, trade and investment will impact continued economic growth and prosperity around the world. Given the current geopolitical landscape, it can be difficult to envision what sustainable global economic growth looks like – and how world leaders are designing a pathway for our shared global future.

Now in its eighth year, the [Meridian Global Leadership Summit](#) brings together diplomatic, business and policy leaders in a neutral, nonpartisan setting for a morning of inspired conversation on how we can collaborate on solutions to today's most pressing global challenges and opportunities.

**WHAT:** 2019 Meridian Global Leadership Summit  
**WHERE:** The Pavilion at Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center  
1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20004  
**WHEN:** Friday, October 25, 2019 | 8:30 – 11:00 AM

This year's Summit will explore how shifts in trade, investment and energy will shape the global economy for the foreseeable future, and what global leaders are doing to rise to the challenge. Key questions to be discussed include:

***How can nations and global businesses best adapt to the shift away from multilateral to bilateral trade agreements?***

***How can leaders tap into the world's evolving energy portfolio to meet increased global consumption while addressing mounting climate concerns?***

***How can the private sector bolster cross-border capital flow and work with governments to strike a balance between foreign investment and national security?***

The speaker lineup for the 2019 Global Leadership Summit includes leading voices such as:

- Senator Joe Manchin (D-WV)
- Ambassador Michael Froman, Vice Chairman and President, Strategic Growth, Mastercard
- Her Excellency Rosemary Banks, Ambassador of New Zealand
- Her Excellency Dr. Emily Haber, Ambassador of Germany
- Ali Velshi, Anchor and Correspondent, MSNBC
- Ambassador Stuart Holliday, President and CEO, Meridian International Center
- Ryan Heath, Senior Editor and UN Playbook Director, Politico
- Hon. Ted Garrish, Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, U.S. Department of Energy
- Mary Streett, Senior Vice President, U.S. Communications and External Affairs, BP America



- Luiza Savage, Executive Director of Cross-Platform Content, Politico
- Joe Daly, Senior Partner, Gallup
- Richard Chin, Executive Vice President and Head of Global Development, SK Group
- Bob Scher, Head of International Affairs, BP America
- Teresa Barger, Co-Founder and CEO, Cartica
- Manisha and Roy Kapani, Chairs, 51st Annual Meridian Ball

**POLITICO** is the media partner for this year's Summit, with senior editorial leaders Ryan Heath and Luiza Savage serving as moderators. BP and Mastercard are the Summit's Corporate Chair and Global Engagement Chair, respectively. Gallup joins Meridian again as a sponsor along with the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center (RRB/ITC), presented by Trade Center Management Associates (TCMA), host of the 2019 Summit.

Interested in covering the event? Reserve a spot in our Global Press Lounge by contacting [Megan Devlin](#). For event updates, follow [#MeridianSummit](#) on social media.

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