



MERIDIAN DIPLOMACY FORUM: THE CALL FOR 21ST CENTURY STATECRAFT

9 A.M.-12 P.M. ET, Friday, April 16 | Fully Virtual Program



Overview

This is a critical moment for American diplomacy. Beyond rebuilding bi- and multi-lateral relationships, the United States must regain its international footing, while working towards a smarter, more strategic way to develop our diplomatic capacity around the world. This is also the right time to reconceptualize what U.S. diplomacy is and should be inside and outside of government. Foreign policy issues have grown more complex. Experts are needed to deal with cyber security, information technology, energy, climate change, health and other issues, while U.S. diplomats should reflect the ethnic and racial composition of the country. It is time reconceptualize what and who a diplomat is to meet the needs of America's 21st century statecraft.

The 2021 Meridian Diplomacy Forum will highlight the restoration of the State Department and U.S. global leadership as well as the need to reconceive and modernize our diplomatic practices and capacity to meet the demands of today's new challenges. Visionaries and decisionmakers from the Biden Administration, Congress, Foreign Service, private sector, and civil society will gather to share an all-of-sectors approach to retool and strengthen the United States' engagement with the world.

Plenary sessions will provide an opportunity to hear from high-level officials on plans to reinvigorate American diplomacy and reestablish international relationships, while concurrent Solution Sessions afford the chance to participate in discussions that best match one's interest.

Themes include:



Dividends from
Economic
Statecraft



Intersection
of National
Security with
Foreign Policy



Global Health
Diplomacy Here
to Stay



Fighting with
Facts:
Overcoming
Disinformation



Warming up
to Climate
Change



U.S. Diplomacy
Human Capital:
Modifying the
Ingredients to our
Special Sauce

About Meridian

Meridian is a nonpartisan, nonprofit diplomacy center that connects leaders through culture and collaboration to drive solutions for global challenges. Meridian believes the United States is stronger and the world is safer when leaders collaborate across countries and cultures. The Center for Diplomatic Engagement is an education and networking hub that accelerates collaboration between the international diplomatic corps and the U.S. public and private sectors.

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