



THE MERIDIAN CENTER FOR DIPLOMATIC ENGAGEMENT

IS AN EDUCATION AND NETWORKING HUB FOR THE FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC CORPS BASED IN WASHINGTON, DC. WE SERVE AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY AND THE U.S. GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE SECTOR.

AT A GLANCE:

- More than 2,000 diplomats from 170 embassies have participated in our programs since 2019.
- The Center for Diplomatic Engagement convened over 30 virtual, in-person, and hybrid sessions for diplomats in 2021.
- 95% of diplomats certify that Meridian improved their ability to perform effectively in their field.
- A majority of diplomats agree that Meridian events strengthen their understanding of U.S. foreign policy, the American political system, and key issues facing the U.S.
- Recent speakers include U.S. Senator Chuck Grassley (R-IA), Deputy National Security Advisor Jon Finer, Oklahoma Governor Kevin Stitt, Congresswoman Young Kim (R-CA), Citi CEO Jane Fraser, Moderna CEO Stéphane Bancel, and State Department Director of Policy Planning Salman Ahmed.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

- **Federalism Deep Dive:** This two-hour program on the U.S. system of government is ideal for diplomats who are new to Washington. It explores the separation of power among branches of government (executive, legislative and judicial) as well as levels of government (federal, state and local). **(January 19, 2022; virtual)**
- **Diplocraft: Innovations in Healthy Aging in Latin America:** Senior diplomats, U.S. government officials and experts will gather to explore innovative breakthroughs in aging taking place in Latin America. The program will serve as the launch event for the latest edition of AARP's international publication The Journal **(January/February 2022; virtual)**
- **Welcome to Washington Reception for Newly-Arrived Ambassadors:** Meridian will honor new ambassadors at an evening reception providing them with an opportunity to meet and engage with a cross-section of Washington policy leaders from the government and business communities. **(February 24, 2022; Meridian campus)**
- **Insights@Meridian with Doreen Bogdan-Martin, Candidate for the Post of Secretary-General, International Telecommunication Union** **(February 2022)**
- **Meridian Diplomacy Forum on Statecraft in the New Frontiers - Space, Cyber and Arctic:** Science and technological innovation are decreasing the barriers of entry to space and the cyber world, while climate change is expanding the operability of the Arctic. Each of these frontiers offer exciting opportunities to improve and support humankind. At the same time, national and corporate interests are bound to collide with the participation of more state and nonstate actors. Diplomacy is paramount to establish a set of norms to maintain order and avoid conflict. The 2022 Meridian Diplomacy Forum will explore international relations and the shifting global order in these increasingly accessible arenas. American and international diplomats, military officials, business leaders and academic experts will examine how the United States and other nations are utilizing traditional and modern diplomatic tools to tackle these complexities and challenges. **(April 12, 2022; Meridian campus)**



OPPORTUNITIES FOR DIPLOMAT PARTICIPATION AND EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT:

- **DIPLOCRAFT - POLICY DEEP DIVES AND SEMINARS:** A key component of the Meridian Center for Diplomatic Engagement is our series of policy discussions and issue specific seminars for diplomats to hear from and interact with organizations and individuals on the front lines of the political, social, security and economic issues engulfing Washington. In 2021, we explored vaccine equity, the global energy transition, medical supply chains, how to navigate Washington's think tank community, the U.S. foreign assistance landscape, combating illicit economies, and ESG.
- **INSIGHTS @ MERIDIAN:** This high-level briefing series provides ambassadors with an opportunity to hear from leaders in Congress, the Administration and state and local governments to exchange views and increase their understanding of the U.S. perspective on timely domestic and global issues. Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Secretary of Treasury Janet Yellen, Arkansas Governor Kevin Stitt, Acting Secretary of Homeland Security Chad Wolf, and DC Mayor Muriel Bowser are among the leaders who have spoken at this series over the years.
- **MERIDIAN GLOBAL LEADERSHIP COUNCIL SALON DINNERS:** Ambassadors have an opportunity to host a curated salon dinner at their residence with Meridian's distinguished network of public and private sector leaders. These salon dinners are used to highlight issues and topics of interest to the Ambassador and their country. Recent dinners explored art and cuisine (Argentina) and first women in leadership (Germany).
- **CULTURAL DIPLOMACY EXHIBITIONS:** Meridian's Center for Cultural Diplomacy team of curators regularly partners with foreign and U.S. embassies on art exhibitions displayed locally, nationally and across the world. The exhibitions often portray an aspect of a nation's culture or shared interests between the U.S. and another country.
- **NATIONAL DAYS AND CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS:** Host your national day or a cultural celebration on our elegant campus, which features two beautiful mansion on the National Register of Historic Places.
- **MERIDIAN GLOBAL BUSINESS BRIEFINGS:** Meridian partners with the corporate community to co-host dialogues where featured ambassadors or foreign government leaders engage with business executives and provide insight on the trade and economic landscape in their home nations.
- **RISING LEADERS COUNCIL:** This prominent network of mid-career professionals from the public sector, business world, and embassy community gathers periodically throughout the year to explore key issues, share perspectives, and strengthen peer relationships.
- **MERIDIAN GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:** Held in conjunction with the Meridian Ball each fall, Meridian's signature event is the leading convening of diplomatic, business and policy leaders in a neutral, nonpartisan forum to exchange ideas and collaborate on solutions to today's most pressing global challenges and opportunities.

The Meridian Center for Diplomatic Engagement provides programming for foreign diplomats of any portfolio. To learn more about how the Center can strengthen your work, please contact Vice President Frank Justice (fjustice@meridian.org; (202) 939-5583) or Director Katherine Boyce (kboyce@meridian.org; (202) 939-5546).



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