



Concordia Announces Final Speaker Lineup For 2014 Summit

NEW YORK, Sept. 26, 2014 -- Concordia has announced the final speaker lineup for its fourth annual Summit September 29 and 30 in New York City. Former President George W. Bush and First Lady Laura Bush will participate in a special session to close out the Summit on September 30th at the New York Stock Exchange. The President and First Lady will draw upon current events and their experiences as world leaders to highlight opportunities for partnerships that have the potential for lasting social and economic impact.

Other featured participants of this year's Summit include: **Dr. William Antholis**, Managing Director, The Brookings Institute; **Letty Ashworth**, Director, Global Diversity, Delta Air Lines; **Evan Bayh**, former U.S. Senator, Indiana; **Dr. Ian Bremmer**, Founder, The Eurasia Group; **Jeanie Buss**, President, Los Angeles Lakers; **Ambassador Paula J. Dobriansky**, Senior Fellow, Harvard University; **Fernando Fabre**, President, Endeavor Global; **Felipe Calderón Hinojosa**, former President, The United Mexican States; **Amy Klobuchar**, U.S. Senator, Minnesota; **Aleksander Kwaśniewski**, former President, Poland; **Anita McBride**, former Chief of Staff, Office of Mrs. Laura Bush; **Cindy McCain**, The McCain Institute; **John McCain**, U.S. Senator, Arizona; **Dikembe Mutombo**, Global Ambassador, The National Basketball Association; **Dr. Mehmet Oz**, Author, TV Host, Surgeon and Chairman of Healthcorps; **David Paterson**, former Governor, State of New York; **T. Boone Pickens**, CEO, BP Capital; **Kevin Rudd**, former Prime Minister, Australia; **Debbie Wasserman Schultz**, Congresswoman, Florida's 23rd Congressional District; **Salil Shetty**, Secretary General, Amnesty International; **Mikheil Saakashvili**, former President, Georgia; **Dr. C. Michael Smith**, President, American University of Afghanistan; **Frances Townsend**, former Homeland Security Advisor to the President of the United States; **Álvaro Uribe**, former President, Colombia; **Cyrus R. Vance, Jr.**, District Attorney, New York County; and **Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga**, former President, Republic of Latvia.

"The lineup of speakers at Concordia this year is a powerful mix of representatives from the public, private, and non-profit sectors. It is our best lineup ever," said Nicholas Logothetis, Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of Concordia. "Despite months of planning, the best parts of the Summit will be unpredictable. There is no way to tell how the hundreds of people passionate about problem solving will end up meeting and collaborating thanks to the distinctive platform provided by Concordia."

"The pace of change in the world has only quickened since last year's summit," said Matthew Swift, Co-Founder and Co-Chairman of Concordia. "Concordia provides a safe and trusted forum for leaders from the world over to escape their day-to-day to work together to solve the world's most pressing problems."

The 2014 Summit entitled, *Scaling Proven Solutions Through Collaboration*, will convene the world's most prominent business, government, and nonprofit leaders to discuss the instrumental role of public-private partnerships in tackling the world's toughest development challenges. The agenda will also include an official convening of the Leadership Council, including seven former Heads of State representing three continents.

For more information on the Concordia Summit, including the full program, visit <http://concordia.net/>.

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About the Concordia Summit:

Since 2011, the Concordia Summit, Concordia's signature event, has been convening the world's most prominent business, government, and nonprofit leaders to promote effective public-private partnerships. By connecting investors, government officials, and civil society leaders, it is developing a powerful community of like-minded individuals and organizations united by a common goal: partnering for impact.