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**NDI ANNOUNCES SPEAKERS FOR
INTERNATIONAL LEADERS PROGRAM DURING DENVER CONVENTION**

WASHINGTON, DC – Current and former government officials from the United States and abroad, diplomats, scholars, journalists, and advocates will take part in the National Democratic Institute’s (NDI) International Leaders Forum (ILF) during the Democratic convention in Denver Aug. 24-28.

More than 500 international leaders from over 100 countries will attend the program, which will focus on the workings of the U.S. political system, domestic and foreign policy issues, enhancing the U.S. role in the world, combating global poverty, and a media view of the presidential election campaign, among other topics.

Among those speaking during the week-long series of bipartisan panel discussions are former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, NDI chairman; former Vice President Walter Mondale; the foreign policy advisors to Senator Barack Obama; James Wolfensohn, former president of the World Bank; John Danilovich, CEO of the Millennium Challenge Corporation; former Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle; former heads of state and government from countries in Latin America, the Middle East, North America and Europe; Obiageli “Oby” Ezekwesili, vice president for the Africa Region of the World Bank; journalists Tom Brokaw, moderator of “Meet the Press,” and Paul Gigot and Cynthia Tucker, editorial page editors respectively of *The Wall Street Journal* and *Atlanta Journal-Constitution*; and actor/director and advocate Ben Affleck. The full list of panelists appears below.

Former Governor Mark Warner of Virginia, a member of the NDI board, will speak at the ILF closing luncheon.

NDI has organized an International Leaders Forum at every Democratic convention since 1984. This year’s participants include current and former heads of state, speakers of parliament, elected officials, cabinet ministers, political party leaders and more than 100 ambassadors from the Washington-based diplomatic corps.

“The International Leaders Forum gives political leaders from around the world a unique opportunity to observe American democracy first-hand while hearing from a wide range of experts from the U.S. and abroad,” Albright said. “Our goal is to highlight the best of our

democratic tradition, provide our guests with a better understanding of America's political process and encourage dynamic discussion about the future of democracy across the globe."

In addition to taking part in the panel discussions, participants will observe the convention proceedings and have the rare opportunity to exchange ideas informally with their counterparts from around the world while getting a first-hand view of an American national political convention.

"Participation in the ILF reinforces the work that NDI does with political parties, government institutions, civic organizations and others to support open and accountable government," said Kenneth Wollack, president of NDI. "The Institute is dedicated to bringing people together to share ideas, experiences and expertise."

ILF is privately funded by donations from individuals, foundations and corporations. A number of the events are being carried out in cooperation with other organizations and institutions.

NDI is a nonpartisan, nongovernmental organization that has supported democratic institutions and practices in every region of the world for more than two decades. For more information about NDI and the International Leaders Forum, please visit our website, www.ndi.org.

Coverage of ILF events is open to media with credentials to cover the Democratic convention.



SCHEDULE OF PANELS

**INTERNATIONAL LEADERS FORUM
DENVER, COLORADO
AUGUST 24-28, 2008**

SUNDAY, August 24

4:00pm – 6:00pm

The 2008 Campaign: *“The Role of Primaries, Nominating Conventions and Presidential Debates”*

Stage Theater, Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA), 1101 13th Street,
Denver, CO 80204

Opening Remarks: **Kenneth Wollack**, NDI president
Madeleine K. Albright, former U.S. secretary of state and
NDI chairman

Introduction: **Walter Mondale**, former U.S. senator, Minnesota; former
vice president of the United States; former U.S. ambassador
to Japan; and former NDI chairman

Moderator: **Cynthia Tucker**, editorial page editor, *The Atlanta
Journal-Constitution*

Remarks: **Paul Kirk**, former chairman of the Democratic National
Committee, co-chair of the Commission on Presidential
Debates, and former NDI chairman
Frank Farenkopf, former chairman of the Republican
National Committee and co-chair of the Commission on
Presidential Debates
Walter Mondale, former U.S. senator, Minnesota; former
vice president of the United States; former U.S. ambassador
to Japan; and former NDI chairman

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Opening Reception
Seawell Ballroom, DCPA

Opening Remarks: **Sir Allen Stanford**, chairman, Stanford Financial

Remarks: **Nancy Pelosi**, speaker, House of Representatives
Howard Dean, chairman, Democratic National Committee

MONDAY, August 25

10:00am – 10:30am

Introduction to the International Leaders Forum
Stage Theater, DCPA

Introduction: **Kenneth Wollack**, NDI president
Madeleine K. Albright, former U.S. secretary of state and
NDI chairman

10:30am – 12:00pm

**Domestic Politics and Policy Forum: “Analysis of the 2008 Presidential
Campaign – A View from the Press”**
Stage Theater, DCPA

Introduction: **Antonia Cortese**, secretary-treasurer, American Federation of Teachers

Moderator: **Katty Kay**, BBC Washington correspondent

Panelists: **Eugene Robinson**, associate editor and columnist, *The Washington Post*
Chuck Todd, political director, NBC
Paul Gigot, editorial page editor and vice president, *The Wall Street Journal*
Candy Crowley, senior political correspondent, CNN

2:00pm – 3:15pm **Domestic Politics and Policy Forum: “Campaign 2008 in Ads and Anecdotes”**
Stage Theater, DCPA

Presenter: **Jerry Hagstrom**, contributing editor, *National Journal*

Panelists: **Peter Fenn**, founder, Fenn & King Communications
Mike Murphy, founder, DC Navigators
Peter Hart, chairman, Hart Research

3:15pm – 4:30pm **Domestic Politics and Policy Forum: “How They Would Govern” – A program organized with the American Enterprise Institute and the Brookings Institution**
Stage Theater, DCPA

Moderators: **Norman Ornstein**, resident scholar, American Enterprise Institute
Thomas Mann, senior fellow, Brookings Institution

Panelists: **Tom Daschle**, former U.S. Senate majority leader, national co-chair of ONE Vote '08 and NDI board member
Mike DeWine, former U.S. senator, Ohio (*invited*)
Gary Hart, former U.S. senator, Colorado
Abner Mikva, former U.S. representative, Illinois; former judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia; and former White House counsel
Dan Nowicki, journalist, *The Arizona Republic*
David Rodgers, journalist, *Politico*
Lynn Sweet, columnist and Washington bureau chief, *Chicago Sun Times*

TUESDAY, August 26

9:45am – 12:00pm **International Affairs Forum: “Ensuring Democracy Delivers Real Dividends: A Perspective from Former Presidents and Prime Ministers” – A program organized with the Club de Madrid**

Stage Theater, DCPA

Introduction: **L. Jack Staley**, president, Stanford Suisse

Co-Moderators: **Madeleine K. Albright**, former U.S. secretary of state and NDI chairman
Joschka Fischer, former vice-chancellor of Germany

Panelists: **Ricardo Lagos**, former president of Chile and president, Club de Madrid
Kjell Magne Bondevik, former prime minister of Norway and member, Club de Madrid
Mary Robinson, former president of Ireland and vice president, Club de Madrid
Alejandro Toledo, former president of Peru and member, Club de Madrid
Abdul Karim Al Eryani, former prime minister of Yemen and member, Club de Madrid
Zlatko Lagumdzija, former prime minister of Bosnia-Herzegovina and member, Club de Madrid
Kim Campbell, former prime minister of Canada and member, Club de Madrid

2:00pm – 4:00pm **Domestic Politics Forum:** *“Strategies for Winning in November: Reading the Polls and Political Tea Leaves”*
Stage Theater, DCPA

Moderator: **Eleanor Clift**, contributing editor, *Newsweek*

Panelists: **Andrew Kohut**, president, Pew Research Center
Stan Greenberg, CEO, Greenberg Quinlan Rosner

WEDNESDAY, August 27

9:00am – 11:30am **International Affairs Forum:** *“Enhancing the U.S. Role Around the World” – A program organized with the 2008 Rocky Mountain Roundtable, the Council on Foreign Relations and the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver*
Boettcher Concert Hall, DCPA

Introduction: **Tim Wirth**, former U.S. senator, Colorado, and CEO, United Nations Foundation

Presentation: *“The New American Consensus on International Cooperation” – A program organized with the United Nations Foundation’s Better World Campaign*

Presenter: **Geoff Garin**, president, Hart Research

Panel Discussion: *“Enhancing the U.S. Role Around the World”*

Moderator: **Tom Brokaw**, moderator of “Meet the Press” and former anchor and managing editor of “NBC Nightly News”

Panelists: **Madeleine K. Albright**, former U.S. secretary of state and NDI chairman
Richard N. Haass, president, Council on Foreign Relations
Richard C. Holbrooke, former U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations and vice chairman, Perseus LLC
Jessica Mathews, president, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Vin Weber, former U.S. representative, Minnesota; chairman of the National Endowment for Democracy; and managing partner, Clark & Weinstock

2:00pm – 4:00pm

International Affairs Forum: *“Combating Global Poverty” – A program organized with the 2008 Rocky Mountain Roundtable, the Council on Foreign Relations and the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver in collaboration with the ONE Campaign Vote ‘08*
Boettcher Concert Hall, DCPA

Introduction: **Marc Nathanson**, NDI vice chair

Moderator: **Gayle Smith**, senior fellow, Center for American Progress

Panelists: **Madeleine K. Albright**, former U.S. secretary of state; co-chair, Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor; and NDI chairman
Ben Affleck, actor, director and advocate
Nancy Birdsall, president, Center for Global Development
John J. Danilovich, CEO, the Millennium Challenge Corporation
Tom Daschle, former U.S. Senate majority leader and co-chair, ONE Vote ‘08 on Health and Poverty
Hernando de Soto, president, Institute for Liberty and Democracy; co-chair, Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor
Obiageli “Oby” Ezekwesili, vice president Africa Region, World Bank

Donald Payne, U.S. representative, New Jersey
Tim Wirth, former U.S. senator, Colorado; and CEO,
United Nations Foundation
James Wolfensohn, former president, World Bank

THURSDAY, August 28

10:00am – 12:00am **International Affairs Forum:** *“Building a Better, Safer World: What Would an Obama Presidency Do?”* - A program organized with the Center for U.S. Global Engagement with the foreign policy advisors to Senator Barack Obama
Stage Theater, DCPA

Introduction: **Robert Mallett**, senior vice president, worldwide public affairs and policy, Pfizer Inc., and Impact 08 representative, Center for U.S. Global Engagement

Sheila Johnson, global ambassador, CARE, and Impact 08 representative, Center for U.S. Global Engagement

Moderator: **Gary Hart**, former U.S. senator, Colorado

Panelists: **Greg Craig**, former White House special counsel and former director of policy planning, Department of State
Richard Danzig, former secretary of the Navy
Anthony Lake, former national security advisor
Susan Rice, former assistant secretary of state for African affairs
Adam Smith, U.S. representative, Washington (*invited*)
Gayle Smith, former special assistant to the president and senior director for African affairs at the National Security Council

12:30pm – 2:30pm **Closing Luncheon**
Seawell Ballroom, DCPA

Speaker: **Mark Warner**, former governor of Virginia and member of the NDI board