



March 1, 2023

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Irpın, Ukraine

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Dear Mayor Boichenko and Mayor Markushyn,

Robert Abernethy
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On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Meridian International Center, it is an honor to invite you to serve as keynote speakers at the 2023 Meridian Diplomacy Forum on *All Diplomacy is Local* to be held in Washington, DC on April 12, 2023.

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Held in partnership with Gensler, the 2023 Meridian Diplomacy Forum will explore the emergence of cities and states as global actors in diplomacy and their evolving impact on everything from international trade and business development to climate change mitigation and global health. It will underscore how supporting global democracies, such as Ukraine, has returned as a critical tenant of U.S. foreign policy and one the American people can rally around.

Hon. Kathryn Walt Hall
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The livestreamed forum will take place beginning in the morning on Wednesday, April 12. We would be honored for you to address this global audience on the current situation in Ukraine and your vision for rebuilding Irpin and Mariupol. The U.S. public and private sectors leaders gathered in Washington, DC will be eager to understand how you are reconstructing your city with respect to European Union standards and what you will do to provide the safety and economic opportunities that your constituents deserve.

Bonnie Larson
DeDe Lea
Deborah Lehr

Meridian also requests the participation of the following Ukrainian leaders in our Diplomacy Forum: Volodymir Karpliuk, Former Mayor, Head of Irpin Reconstruction Summit; Mihailo Sapon, Chief Architect of Irpin; Irina Yarmolenko, Irpin Reconstruction Summit; Sergiy Orlov, Deputy Mayor (Economic, Finance, International cooperation); Sergiy Zakharov, Deputy Mayor (Construction, Architecture); Kreidenko Volodymyr, Deputy Chairman of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee; Oleksandr Smirnov, Partner, Tabasco Communication Agency; Yaroslav Ploshko, Founder of Tabasco; Dmytro Nehresha, Deputy Mayor of Irpin; and, Petro Shcherbyna, Advisor to the Chairman of the Foundation of Irpin Restoration

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Meridian Vice President Frank Justice is available at fjustice@meridian.org to answer any questions you may have. Your consideration of this opportunity is immensely appreciated.

Hon. Walter T. Cutler
President Emeritus

Sincerely,


Ambassador Stuart W. Holliday
Chief Executive Officer, Meridian International Center

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