



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 2006 NATIONAL SUMMIT



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On June 14 and 15, 2006, over 240 business executives, civic leaders and government officials came together in Washington, D.C., for the first Initiative for Global Development (IGD) National Summit. The purpose was to focus our collective expertise, intellect and energy on a single topic – how to end extreme global poverty.

General Colin Powell launched the event with a powerful keynote address, and Secretary Madeleine Albright and Congressman Jim Kolbe (R-AZ) gave compelling opening remarks. President Bush's speech highlighted the need to make global poverty elimination a priority for U.S. foreign policy and urged the completion of the Doha Round of trade negotiations. Other speakers included the following:

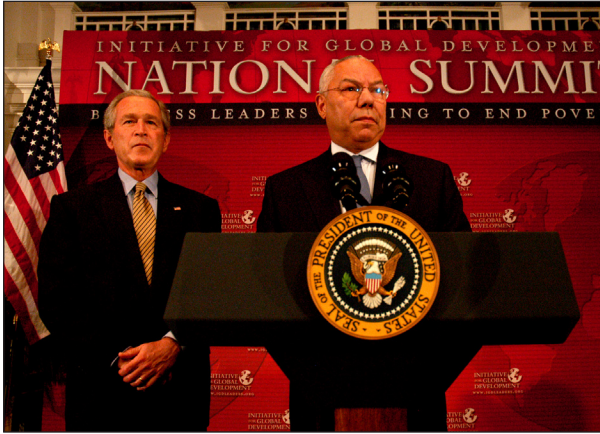
- Ambassador Karan Bhatia, Deputy U.S. Trade Representative
- Michael Buchanan, Director of Global Macro and Markets Research, Goldman Sachs International
- Ambassador John J. Danilovich, CEO, Millennium Challenge Corporation
- Donald L. Evans, Former Secretary of Commerce and CEO, Financial Services Forum
- Rajat K. Gupta, Senior Partner Worldwide, McKinsey & Company
- Jim Lehrer, Executive Editor & Anchor, The NewsHour with Jim Lehrer
- Mary Robinson, Former President of Ireland, Former UN High Commissioner for Human Rights and President, Realizing Rights: The Ethical Globalization Initiative
- Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director, UN Millennium Project and Director, The Earth Institute, Columbia University
- Ted Turner, Chairman, Turner Enterprises
- James Wolfensohn, Chairman of the International Advisory Board, Citigroup, Inc. and Former President, The World Bank

“Fighting global poverty reflects this country's values. It serves our nation's interests, as well. It's in the country's economic interest that we fight global poverty... It's in our security interests that we fight global poverty, because weakened, impoverished states are attractive safe havens for terrorists and tyrants and international criminals.” —President George W. Bush

“It should come as no surprise that those regions of the world that struggle to meet the basic needs of their peoples and have little hope for a more prosperous future are regions where the social contract between citizens and government is weak, where instability between neighboring countries is common and where extremists prey upon the least fortunate... The hope is that with the right combination of business savvy, shared framework for action, increased resources and political will, IGD can make a significant impact on this most urgent of global problems.”

*General Colin L. Powell, USA (Ret),
Former Secretary of State and
Summit Co-chair*

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General Powell introduces President Bush

News about the IGD 2006 National Summit reached over 29 million people with more than 200 media stories in outlets such as *ABC News*, *the Associated Press*, *BBC News*, *CNN*, *FOX News Radio Network*, *The New York Times*, *United Press International*, *The Washington Post*, in addition to many others.

IGD will carry forward the momentum and sense of engagement generated at the Summit with action-oriented opportunities for our growing membership to support. These opportunities will draw on what we heard and learned at the Summit.

Common themes that emerged during the Summit:

- Targeting key opportunities for advocacy to end extreme poverty such as the G8 Summit and the Doha Round of trade talks, and calling for strong U.S. leadership in addressing the needs of the world's poor in a sustainable manner.
- Coordinating across government departments to continue efforts to improve aid effectiveness. The private sector can assist in this effort by bringing business strategy, management and operational expertise to bear in new and creative ways.
- Increasing the quality and quantity of interaction and coordination between public and private sector development activities. We need to move from isolated successes to a new way of doing business together.
- Exerting advocacy supporting full funding for key initiatives before Congress such as the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) and AIDS relief.
- Championing issues such as education and global health to find opportunities on the ground with local governments and the private sector to increase the velocity of change.

"I think we have agreed here today that it is no longer about competing solutions for those real-life, short-term problems on the ground – for example, people are dying, people are starving. It's about finding lots of good solutions, collaborating among those programs that are working, and trying to give those programs that are working critical mass."

Carleton S. Fiorina, Former Chairman, President & CEO, Hewlett-Packard Company



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