

Partners for Global Change

Toolkit January ~ February 2009

Nationwide Teleconference
Saturday, January 10, 2009
1:00 p.m. EDT
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Call Tips

- Participants should dial in 5-10 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.
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- Participants will verbally give their pass code to the operator.
- Operators will take the city, state, and number of people in the room and place them into the Main Conference.
- Hit “*0” during Q&A sessions to queue up if you have a question. The Operator will allow questions in the order they are received.

Call Details

Moderator:

- Don Kraus, CEO, Citizens for Global Solutions

Speakers:

- Human Rights: Sharon Kelly, Human Rights First
- Climate Change: Katherine Silverthorne, E3G
- Arms Control: John Isaacs, Council for a Livable World
- Development: Todd Shelton, InterAction
- Laura Hendrick, Outreach Director, Citizens for Global Solutions

Call Agenda:

- Introduction & opening remarks from Don Kraus
- Sharon discusses human rights priorities (torture, Guantanamo, ICC)
- Katherine discusses climate change priorities (binding caps, US negotiating team)
- Question & Answer Session with first two speakers
- John briefs on arms control priorities (talks with Russia, CTBT, securing nuclear weapons materials)
- Todd discusses development & diplomacy priorities (national security and international affairs budget, FY2010 budget increases and goals, Elevate the

- development functions within government, U.S. development strategy that affirms the MDG's, global financial crisis concerns)
- Question & Answer Session for second two speakers
 - Citizens for Global Solutions Partners Project: Responsible US Global Engagement and the New Administration (Introduced and explained by Laura Hendrick)
 - Question & Answer Session Regarding the Partners Project

Speaker Biographies

Sharon Kelly:

Sharon directs Human Rights First's We Can End Torture Now campaign, an HRF advocacy initiative focused on ending the use of torture and official cruelty by the United States.

Before joining Human Rights First, Sharon worked for the Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid, as the research director and policy advisor for the Senate Democratic Communications Center. In addition to her experience on Capitol Hill, Sharon has worked on numerous political campaigns at the national and state levels.

Sharon graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service in 1998 and received a J.D. from Harvard Law School in 2004. She is a member of the bar of the state of New York.

Katherine Silverthorne:

Katherine Silverthorne leads E3G's climate change program in the U.S. In this role she will work to internationalise the U.S. debate in order to identify key areas of conflict and cooperation, build trust among the major actors, and promote a coalition for the passage of ambitious climate change legislation in the U.S. and ratification of an ambitious Copenhagen agreement.

Immediately before joining E3G, Katherine served as the director of policy for U.S. Climate Action Network (CAN). CAN is a network of more than 400 non-profit organizations around the globe established nearly twenty years ago to promote sound policy on climate change. As policy director, Katherine provided general strategic

guidance for advocacy by CAN members and led efforts to develop collaborative positions, including submissions to Congressional committees and the UNFCCC on U.S. and international climate policy issues.

Prior to joining U.S. CAN, Katherine served as the director for the US Climate Change Program of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). Before joining WWF, she established the first climate change program for U.S. Public Interest Research Group in Washington, DC, which represents the interests of a nationwide network of Public Interest Research Groups active in more than 30 states.

Katherine has served as co-chair of the American Bar Association's Committee on Climate Change and Sustainable Development. She has a Juris Doctor and Masters in environmental law from Vermont Law School and is a member of the bar in New York and Washington, DC.

John Isaacs:

John Isaacs is the Executive Director of the Council for a Livable World where his work focuses on national security issues in Congress, Iraq, missile defense, and nuclear weapons.

Isaacs is one of the leaders of the nation's arms control community and has long been an expert on the workings of Congress. He has represented the Council on Capitol Hill since 1978. Isaacs previously served as a Legislative Assistant on foreign affairs to Representative Stephen Solarz (D-NY), a Legislative Representative on foreign policy and defense budget for Americans for Democratic Action, and a Foreign Service Officer in Vietnam.

Isaacs has published articles in the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Atlanta Journal, St. Louis Post Dispatch, Christian Science Monitor, Nuclear Times, Arms Control Today, American Journal of Public Health, and Technology Review.

Isaacs holds a B.A. from Dartmouth College and an M.A. from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

Todd Shelton:

Todd Shelton is the Senior Director of Public Policy and External Relations at InterAction. He supervises the Public Policy Unit on budget and policy advocacy

related to the goals of InterAction's 165 member relief and development organizations.

Prior to joining InterAction, Todd served in the position of Senior Legislative Associate and lead lobbyist for the Sheridan Group. He was also a Congressional Liaison Officer for USAID from 1998 to 2002, as well as Deputy Research Director for Policy and Public Affairs from 1996-1998 for Mathis & Associates. Todd also worked as Deputy to the Chief of Staff in the Office of Senator Patrick Leahy (D-VT). Todd joined InterAction in 2005.

Don Kraus:

Don Kraus is the Chief Executive Officer of Citizens for Global Solutions and co-chair of the Partnership for Effective Peacekeeping (PEP), an NGO working group. Previously, Don served as the Executive Vice President at Citizens for Global Solutions, where he directed the Government Relations Department and the Political Action Committee.

Don has also served as the Executive Director of the Campaign for UN Reform (CUNR) and its affiliated political action committee, CUNR PAC. An expert in building U.S. legislative and government support for the UN, Don brings his considerable enthusiasm and drive to lobbying and electioneering. Don compiles the Global Solution Report Card, an annual assessment of congressional voting records.

He has been quoted in the NY Times, the Washington Times, the Washington Post, the Boston Globe, and many other publications. He has been interviewed on CNN, BBC, NPR, and many other radio and TV shows.

Don is also the past president emeritus of the Center for UN Reform Education, a UN reform think tank. He currently serves on the advisory board of the United Nations Association, National Capitol Area.

Laura Hendrick:

Laura Hendrick is the Outreach Director of Citizens for Global Solutions. Laura manages and supports chapter activity and stimulates political will and activism in organization members. Prior to joining Citizens for Global Solutions, Laura served as Deputy Director of Operations, Volunteer Manager for the Democratic National Convention Committee in Denver, Colorado, training and directing 2,000+

volunteers for the Convention. In Denver, she also worked for the Arthritis Foundation, managing their seven local Arthritis Walks and as many volunteer committees. Prior to the Arthritis Foundation, Laura worked for Mile High United Way as their volunteer coordinator. Laura graduated with a B.A. from Virginia Tech.

Citizens for Global Solutions Partners Project

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Responsible U.S. Global Engagement and the New Administration

*"I ask you to believe - not just in my ability to
bring about change, but in yours."*

– President-elect Barack Obama

We have a new administration coming to Washington and by all accounts, it appears that they are ready to hear your voices. Your mission as partners, members and activists, is to review the letters and policy papers linked below, discuss which priorities are most important to your group, and get involved with the national conversation.

We ask you to do one of two things in January or February:

- 1) **Attend an Obama house party or event near you, armed with information and global cooperation priorities to share with the group.**

The “Obama Nation” consists of over 10 million supporters, many of whom are still consistently getting together to discuss important next steps for the incoming administration. If you are not familiar with the Obama house parties, here’s how to find one near where you live:

- Type www.my.barackobama.com into your web browser
- Register with the site if you have not already done so
- Click on the “Find Events” link on the sidebar of the page
- Enter your zipcode to find events taking place near you

2) **If there aren't any upcoming Obama events near you, or you are not interested in those posted online, create your own event!**

With other CGS members or activists in your area, host a house party or educational event and invite other citizens in your community to attend and discuss current and future global priorities. You can post your event on the my.barackobama.com web site even if it isn't a specifically Obama-centric event. This is a great way to advertise your event to other like-minded citizens.

To post online:

- Type www.my.barackobama.com into your web browser
- Register with the site if you have not already done so
- Click on the “Host an Event” link on the sidebar of the page
- Fill out the form and be sure to mention that it is a Citizens for Global Solutions-sponsored event and that the purpose is to discuss global issues to bring to the new administration!

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After you have either attended or hosted an event to discuss the issues outlined in the Responsible US Global Engagement Letter with other engaged and globally-minded citizens, we ask that you report your conclusions to www.change.gov. This is an extremely important step in the process, as the Obama administration is making unprecedented efforts to keep Americans involved in shaping our government's priorities and policies. We need to take advantage of this opportunity to share OUR ideas and concerns with the next President of the United States.

To report your group's conclusions:

- Visit www.change.gov
- Click on the “American Moment – Share Your Vision” link on the top menu
- Fill out the form and include the changes and next steps you would like to see take place in our U.S. government

Please don't forget to let me know what your group discussed and who you were able to engage in the discussion.

One of the main objectives of this project is to bring together citizens like you in communities like yours all across the country to discuss the road to global cooperation and to make sure your local representatives hear your voices.

Please email me if you have any questions getting started on the project or have any feedback to report!

*~ Laura Hendrick, Outreach Director, Citizens for Global Solutions:
lhendrick@globalsolutions.org*

Links to More Resources

Letter From CONNECT U.S. FUND:

<http://www.connectusfund.org/node/1860>

This letter is co-signed by Citizens for Global Solutions and others, encouraging new global priorities. Not released publicly until the week of January 12th.

FCNL's Letter to President-Elect Barack Obama:

Letter Title: Reshape Foreign Policy to Protect Civilians and Prevent Deadly Conflict

http://www.fcnl.org/issues/item.php?item_id=3436&issue_id=130

Letter to Eric Schwartz, member of the Obama Transition Team:

<http://globalsolutions.org/node/1157>

The letter was sent to Eric Schwartz in his capacity as a member of the Obama transition team by John Washburn, Director, International Criminal Court Programs, United Nations Association of the USA; And Don Kraus, CEO, Citizens For Global Solutions.

Partnership for Effective Peacekeeping Memo:

<http://www.connectusfund.org/resources/partnership-effective-peacekeeping-2009-us-priorities>

