



MEDIA ADVISORY

The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia presents
The New Global Dynamic: Critical Security Issues of the 21st Century
A National Conference
Friday, November 6, 2009

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS BY

The Hon. Al Gore, Vice President of the United States (1993-2001)

The Hon. Dennis C. Blair, Director of National Intelligence

The Hon. Tom Ridge, U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security (2003-2005)

Howard K. Koh, MD, MDH, Asst. Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

*The Hon. Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
will offer Welcoming Remarks*

WHAT: The World Affairs Council of Philadelphia celebrates its 60th Anniversary with a national conference on critical security issues of the 21st century. The conference will feature policymakers, government leaders and scholars, including The Hon. Al Gore, The Hon. Dennis Blair, The Hon. Kathleen Sebelius and The Hon. Tom Ridge.

Additionally, *The New Global Dynamic: Critical Security Issues of the 21st Century* will feature a full day of panel discussions with business, media, educational and community leaders. The conference will take place **Friday, November 6**, beginning at 8:00 AM, at the Loews Philadelphia Hotel.

BACKGROUND: Shaping 21st century priorities and policies forms the focus of the Council's national conference and year-long discussion. National security will be examined through the prism of energy independence, climate instability, global health and international terrorism.

WHEN: **Friday, November 6, 2009**
8:30 AM EST (Welcoming Remarks by Governor Edward G. Rendell)
8:45 AM EST (Opening Remarks by Governor Tom Ridge)
10:30 AM EST (Remarks by Assistant Secretary Dr. Howard K. Koh)
12:45 PM EST (Keynote Address by Vice President Al Gore)
2:00 PM EST (Remarks by Director Dennis C. Blair)

WHERE: Loews Philadelphia Hotel
1200 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107
(215) 627-1200

Members of the media are invited to attend presentations throughout the day.

The Hon. Al Gore, 45th Vice President of the United States and Nobel Peace Prize laureate for his work on global warming, will explore the central theme of this national conference: the energy-defense-economy nexus. He will also examine the linkage between a coherent national energy policy, a strong national defense and long-term sustainable economic growth. Vice President Gore will speak to the inextricable bind between energy security and national security and the critical impact of both policies on the country's prospect for long-term economic competitiveness.

**** BROADCAST MEDIA and PHOTOGRAPHY is limited to first 5 minutes of remarks ****

The Hon. Dennis C. Blair, Director of National Intelligence, will outline key components of the 2009 National Intelligence Strategy--the newly unveiled blueprint that drives the priorities for the nation's 16 intelligence agencies. The Director will discuss intelligence challenges facing the U.S., including transnational threats and global trends.

The Hon. Tom Ridge - As the first U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security and a former Governor of Pennsylvania, Tom Ridge is intimately aware of the scope of international terrorism and the critical connections between national security and energy independence, climate instability and global health. In his opening remarks, Mr. Ridge will identify key linkages between national security and these global issues and offer insights on the formidable and ongoing challenges in coordinating and executing a comprehensive national security strategy.

Howard K. Koh, MD, MDH, Asst. Secretary for Health, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, will address challenges affecting US healthcare policy, including an update on both the H1N1 flu virus and the various healthcare reform proposals circulating through Congress. She will also discuss the challenges posed by the threat of global pandemics and the administration's commitment to bring about a new era in global health that encourages international partnerships and cooperation.

In addition to the keynote speakers, the conference will feature a full day of panel discussions with business, educational and community leaders. The panel discussions will focus on the following topics:

▪ **Energy Security and Climate Change** – This session will focus on strategies for developing public policies that better anticipate and manage the interdependent global issues of climate change and national security. The panel consists of:

Michael Levi, *Senior Fellow for Energy and the Environment, Council on Foreign Relations*

Leon Fuerth, *National Security Advisor to Vice President Gore (1993-2001)*

Moderated by Bradley C. Hall, *President, UGI Energy Services, Inc.*

▪ **Industry Perspectives on Going Green** – A roundtable discussion of smart grid technology, renewable energy investment and natural gas/Marcellus shale initiatives in Pennsylvania and throughout the region featuring:

Bradley C. Hall, *President, UGI Energy Services, Inc.*

Anne E. Hoskins, *Vice President, PSEG Services Corp., Federal Affairs & Policy*

F. Michael Valocchi, *IBM Global Business Services*

Moderated by John McConomy, *Partner, PricewaterhouseCoopers*

▪ Combating Violent Extremism – This session will focus on realigning national and international security strategies to combat the risks of nuclear proliferation and terrorism featuring:

The Hon. Rick Santorum, *U.S. Senator (R-PA, 1995-2007)*

Amb. Marc Grossman, *Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs (2001-2005)*

Charles D. Ferguson, *Director, Council on Foreign Relations Task Force on U.S. Nuclear Weapons Policy*

Moderated by Edward A. Turzanski, *Sr. Fellow, Foreign Policy Research Institute*

PANELIST INTERVIEWS available upon request.

More information on the Conference and panelists can be located on the Council Electronic Media Kit at www.wacphila.org

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