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The United States and Mexico: A Partnership Tested

The United States and Mexico have a long, intertwined history, with both countries prominently featured in each other's politics and agendas. The war on drugs, immigration, and trade issues have taxed the relationship over the years. And despite shared geographic, economic, and social connections, the bilateral relationship is subject to strong pressures coming from domestic politics on both sides of the border. What impact will new leadership in both countries have on this crucial partnership?

Join us as we examine this question and more with **keynote speaker Ambassador of Mexico**

Martha Bárcena Coqui, as she discusses Mexico's critical global role. Since joining the Mexican Foreign Service in 1979, Ambassador Bárcena has held diplomatic positions in Denmark, Italy, Spain, and Turkey. She has also been the Head of the Department of Migrant Workers and Border Cooperation in the General Directorate for North America and has participated in multiple international conferences, including the G-20 and the World Humanitarian Summit.

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WHEN

Friday, October 4
Registration 8:00 am
Conference
8:30 am-12:30 pm

WHERE

Carlson School of Management,
3M Auditorium
321 19th Ave. S,
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COST

Student \$15;
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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Inspiring Hope



Hope is on the minds of many as we head into the fall. Hope for bountiful harvests, hope for success at school and work, and hope for safe and secure futures for loved ones, communities, and our planet.

Over the past few months, Global Minnesota was honored to host hundreds of international visitors, who shared unique messages of hope and their global aspirations with thousands of Minnesotans from one end of the state to the other. One example is Razia Sultana, one of 10 women from around the world honored as an International Woman of Courage by the U.S. Department of State. Her leadership in challenging the human rights abuses suffered by the Rohingya people forced to flee their homes in Myanmar inspired hundreds of Minnesotans including Como Park High School students and at community forums across the Twin Cities.

Another example is the stirring speech delivered by the Somali Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ambassador Ahmed Isse Awad, at a special forum organized by Global Minnesota in partnership with Augsburg University. His message about the remarkable progress being made in the rebuilding and reanimation of Somalia reached far and wide, thanks to great newspaper, broadcast, and social media outreach.

One of the high points for me – hope inspiring in so many ways – was hosting Fulbright Fellows from across the globe. At the closing program, many shared their impressions of Minnesota, and without exception, they voiced the common message that having family dinner with Minnesotans was the highlight they would share with their children for years to come. It was a reminder that what we have been doing at Global Minnesota for the past 67 years – advancing international understanding and engagement – is one of the secrets that makes our beautiful state special and a welcoming place that brings to mind that song about where we have left tiny bits of our hearts.

Sincerely,

Mark Ritchie



(top) Razia Sultana, 2019 International Women of Courage Award recipient;

(bottom) Ambassador Ahmed Isse Awad, Somali Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

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The U.S.-Japan Alliance

Marked by strong business and economic ties, and decades-long cultural and educational exchanges, the Japan-Minnesota relationship has flourished, increasing valuable people-to-people connections and mutual understanding between the two regions. This September, Sasakawa USA will hold its next “The Alliance Working in America” program in Minnesota to highlight the positive impact and benefits of U.S.-Japan relations to Minnesota. Over several

days, distinguished speakers – including Satoshihiro Akimoto, President of Sasakawa Peace Foundation USA; retired Admiral Dennis Blair, U.S. Navy, Chairman and Distinguished Senior Fellow of Sasakawa USA, and former U.S. Director for National Intelligence and Commander of U.S. Pacific Command; Wendy Cutler, Vice President and Managing Director of the Asia Society Policy Institute; Dr. Satu Limaye, Vice President and Director, East-West Center in



Washington, D.C.; and Ambassador James Zumwalt, Distinguished Senior Fellow (Non-Resident) of Sasakawa USA – will engage with local businesses, media representatives, nonprofits, university students, and others to discuss the importance of U.S.-Japan relations. **Hear several Sasakawa representatives speak at our September Global Conversations, listed below in the calendar.**

calendar

Sept 11	4:30 - 6:30 pm	Year of Italy Launch
Sept 18 	12:00 - 1:00 pm	Global Conversations ST. PAUL: Japan Matters for America - Japan Matters for Minnesota
Sept 18 	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Global Conversations MINNEAPOLIS: The U.S.-Japan Alliance in an Evolving Indo-Pacific
Sept 23	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Culture Through Cuisine: Russia
Oct 4	8:30 am - 12:30 pm	Great Decisions Conference: The United States and Mexico - A Partnership Tested
Oct 7	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Young Professionals Networking: Travel and Hispanic Heritage
Nov 12 	6:00 - 7:30 pm	Global Conversations MINNEAPOLIS: Information Wars
Nov 18	To be announced	CHINA Town Hall
Nov 22	6:00 - 10:00 pm	WorldQuest International Trivia Competition <i>Horton Holding, Inc. is the premier sponsor of WorldQuest.</i>
May 2	4:30 - 8:30 pm	Exploration of Italy Gala

Global Conversations is based on Great Decisions, a citizen education and discussion program sponsored nationally by the Foreign Policy Association and brought to you in partnership with the Friends of the Minneapolis Central Library and Landmark Center.

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Thank you, members! Together, we are making Minnesota a more welcoming place, where diverse voices and perspectives are respected and celebrated.

You know and love Global Minnesota. Please SHARE it with your friends! This year, we want to grow our global network by 500 new member households! Can you help us get there? Global Minnesota NEEDS your support to do this. A bigger membership base means more financial support but more importantly, means more people know more and care more about the world. And that's BIG impact!

Whether you're a member to pursue lifelong learning opportunities, to network and grow professionally, or to support international awareness, Global Minnesota is the place for you AND your guests.



MORE REWARDS?! When your friend becomes a member, we'll send YOU a FREE Global Minnesota canvas tote bag! And they'll receive a free ticket to the Great Decisions Conference (see front cover). Be sure they list you as their referring member when they join online at globalminnesota.org/membership or call 612.625.1662.

The Year of Italy

Launch Reception

Wednesday, September 11 at 4:30 pm

From art and cuisine to politics and innovation, there is much to learn about Italy, our focus country for 2019-20. In the months ahead, we'll explore Italy's rich cultural heritage while also focusing on the role it plays in a modern, interconnected world. Join us at the Food Building in Northeast Minneapolis on Wednesday, September 11, for a special reception as we launch our Year of Italy. The evening will feature complimentary Italian hors d'oeuvres and music and will set the stage for a yearlong focus on our European partner. Register online at globalminnesota.org/calendar.



GIVING THAT GROWS

At every turn, we witness the legacies of those here today and of those who came before us. One such legacy that lives on at Global Minnesota is that of Emily Anne Staples Tuttle. A trailblazer and champion for international engagement, Emily Anne was involved in the organization for many decades, chairing Global Minnesota's board and receiving Global Minnesota's Ambassador Award in 2016 for her dedication, continued commitment, and generosity to the organization and its mission. Emily Anne made an estate gift that demon-

strates the future-focused leadership characteristic of her long relationship with Global Minnesota, ensuring her contributions to international understanding will have an impact for years to come.

You too can create a lasting memorial by making a charitable bequest to Global Minnesota. A gift through your will or living trust can continue your support of Global Minnesota as an important legacy in our community. Contact Development Officer Josh King at 612.625.5486 or jking@globalminnesota.org to learn more.



SOUTH AFRICA

▶▶ GALA ◀◀

A spectacular summer evening at Bavaria Downs was the perfect backdrop for our Year of South Africa gala, this past June. Marking the end of our yearlong focus on the Rainbow Nation, the gala raised critical funds to support Global Minnesota programs that help Minnesotans understand foreign policy, the world, and each other better.

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Connecting Across Cultures

Second, 3rd, and 4th-grade students from Southgate Elementary in Austin, Minnesota, traveled the world as Global Minnesota international volunteers Mariana, Gabriel, Moinak, and Daehan shared their

cultures and perspectives on Brazil, Ghana, India, and South Korea for a World Cultures Day in March.

From what breakfast is like in Brazil to the symbolism behind South Korea's flag, the international volunteers presented on a variety of cross-cultural topics that promote global perspectives and connections. **"This is an opportunity for our school to learn about different cultures and celebrate our students for who they are,"** said Southgate Principal Katie Baskin. "We wanted to celebrate the different cultures that exist in our building. This is amazing. This opens the door to the world for them." "The ultimate goal was to teach students appropriate cultural understanding without stereotypes," said international volunteer Daehan Lee from South Korea.

Part of the Classroom Connection program, World Cultures Day will be back this fall, reaching new cities, new classrooms, and new students across the state.

Classroom Connection and World Cultures Day in Austin was funded in part by support from Hormel Foods Corporation, a member organization of Global Minnesota, and Global Minnesota members.

