President Clinton To Recognize Winners of the Fourth Annual Clinton Global Citizen Awards

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New York, NY – Today, President Bill Clinton announced the winners of the Clinton Global Citizen Awards, which honor individuals who have made an outstanding impact in philanthropy, government, civil society, and the corporate sector. The awards ceremony will take place tonight.

"I'm pleased to honor these five exceptional individuals who exemplify the power we each have to solve problems and improve lives," President Clinton said. "By turning good ideas into action, tonight's awardees truly embody the spirit at the very heart of CGI - the same spirit that has inspired more than 1,900 commitments that have benefited nearly 300 million people in just five years - and in doing so, they inspire us all."

CGI's Annual Meeting convenes global leaders to devise and implement solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges. The Clinton Global Citizen Awards ceremony will be the concluding event of the Annual Meeting. It will be broadcast on CNBC on Sunday, September 26, at 9 p.m. ET.

President Clinton will host the ceremony, which will be emceed by Ben Stiller for the second consecutive year. CNBC Anchor Maria Bartiromo will also participate, and awards will be presented by Jean-Max Bellerive, prime minister of the Republic of Haiti, Festus Mogae, former president of the Republic of Botswana, Maggie Gyllenhaal, Salma Hayek Pinault, and Kevin Spacey. Tom Golisano, CGI's founding sponsor, will provide remarks, and eight-time Grammy-winner Don Henley of the Eagles will provide musical entertainment.

Award winners were nominated by a collection of global leaders and selected for their visionary leadership, demonstrated impact, and sustainable and scalable work in solving pressing global challenges. Honorees were chosen from government, civil society, the private sector, and the philanthropic community.

The 2010 Clinton Global Citizen Award recipients are:

His Excellency Dr. Leonel Fernandez, President of the Dominican Republic
(Leadership in the Public Sector)

Dr. Leonel Fernandez is president of the Dominican Republic, founder and honorary president of the Fundación Global Democracia y Desarrollo (FUNGLODE), and president of the Dominican Liberation Party (PLD). He is being honored for the exemplary efforts made by the Dominican Republic to help Haiti recover in the aftermath of the January 2010 earthquake. President Fernandez was born in the Dominican Republic and raised in New York City, and attended New York City public schools. He graduated from the Autonomous University of Santo Domingo with honors in law. He is member of the Circle of Montevideo, Carter Center Council of Freely Elected Heads of State and Government, Foreign Affairs Magazine in Spanish, Inter-American Dialogue, and the Club of Madrid. He has served as chairman of the U.S.-Caribbean Executive Club, sponsored by the Center for Strategic International Studies in Washington, DC.

Mohamed Ibrahim, Chairman, Mo Ibrahim Foundation
(Leadership in Philanthropy)

In 2006 Dr. Mohamed Ibrahim founded Mo Ibrahim Foundation, focusing on two major new initiatives to stimulate debate around, and improve the quality of governance in Africa. The Ibrahim Prize for Achievement in African Leadership recognizes and celebrates excellence, and the
Ibrahim Index of African Governance provides civil societies and governments with a comprehensive and quantifiable tool to measure progress. Sudanese by birth, Dr. Ibrahim is also the founder of Ceteel International, one of Africa’s most successful companies. Dr. Ibrahim has received a number of awards which recognize his work as a distinguished academic and philanthropist, among them the GSM Association Chairman’s Award, the telecommunication industry’s highest accolade, and the BNP Paribas Prize for Philanthropy. In 2008, Dr. Ibrahim was listed by TIME Magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

Andrea Jung, Chairman & CEO, Avon Products, Inc.
(Leadership in the Corporate Sector)

As chairman and CEO of Avon Products, Andrea Jung is a leading crusader in improving the lives of women. Today, thanks to her commitment to women’s empowerment and economic advancement, Avon provides earning opportunities to more than 6.2 million independent Avon Sales Representatives in over 100 countries. Jung has also been the driving force behind major philanthropic achievements in women’s health and empowerment through the Avon Foundation for Women, which is the world’s largest corporate philanthropy for women. Through her vision, the Avon Foundation has raised more than $725 million to help eradicate breast cancer and end all forms of violence against women. Under her watch, Avon philanthropy is working to keep women secure and healthy around the world, through grassroots programs in more than 50 countries and global partnerships with organizations like UNIFEM, the U.S. State Department, Vital Voices and the Avon Center for Women and Justice at Cornell Law School.

Suraya Pakzad, Executive Director, Voice of Women Organization
(Leadership in Civil Society)

Suraya Pakzad is executive director of the Voice of Women Organization, considered one of Afghanistan’s most effective NGOs, working for freedom and empowerment for women in Afghan societies. In 1998, the Voice of Women Organization was begun in secret by Pakzad in Herat, during the oppressive rule of the Taliban. Today she is openly helping women organize, run, and win elections in Afghanistan. Pakzad supports programs in prisons for women and their children. In their communities, she creates education centers, health centers, food centers, business development programs, shelters, and programs for legal assistance for abused women. Pakzad also partners with Traveling Mercies, building community water systems in Herat Province. On March 10, 2008 Pakzad was honored as a recipient of the International Women of Courage Award in Washington, D.C., presented to her by then-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Dr. Jean Pape, Executive Director, GHESKIO
(Leadership in Civil Society)

Dr. Jean W. Pape, MD, is the founding and current director of GHESKIO and a professor of medicine at the Weill Medical College of Cornell University. Dr. Pape graduated from Weill Cornell in 1975. After completion of postdoctoral training in infectious diseases at Cornell, he returned to his native Haiti. With GHESKIO, Dr. Pape published the first comprehensive description of AIDS in the developing world in 1983. He has become an international leader in efforts to implement programs for the prevention and control of AIDS and tuberculosis in Haiti and other resource-poor countries, providing counsel to international organizations on bioethics, health disparity, and global infectious disease. He has received numerous international awards for his work including the Carlos Slim Award for Global Health, the Bill and Melinda Gates Award for Global Health, and the Institut de France Prix Christophe Merieux. In 2003, Dr. Pape was elected to the U.S. National Academy of Sciences Institute of Medicine.

Photos of the Clinton Global Citizen Awards will be available at clintonglobalinitiative.org/flickr.

About the Clinton Global Citizen Awards

Established in 2007, the Clinton Global Citizen Awards embody President Bill Clinton’s call to action by honoring outstanding individuals who exemplify global citizenship through their vision and leadership. These citizens have proven that diverse sectors of society can work together successfully to devise solutions that effect positive, lasting social change. Nominated by CGI members and other global leaders, honorees were chosen based on their innovative approaches, and on the demonstrated results and sustainability of their work. The awards are given to individuals who have shown ground-breaking leadership in four sectors: civil society, the corporate sector, philanthropy, and public service.

The Clinton Global Citizen Awards were launched in 2007. The 2007 winners were Andre Agassi, founder of the Andre Agassi Foundation; Fadze Hassan Abed, founder of the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee; John Chambers, CEO of Cisco; and Vicky Colbert, founder of the Escuela Nueva Foundation. In 2008, the winners were Jennifer and Peter Buffett, co-chairs of the NoVo Foundation; Xiaoyi (Sheri) Liao, founder of the Global Village of Beijing; Julio Frenk, dean of the Harvard School of Public Health; and Nevill Isdell, then-chairman of the Coca-Cola Company. The 2009 winners were His Excellency Paul Kagame, president of the Republic of Rwanda; Asha Hagi Elmi Ahmed, founder of the Global Village of Beijing; Julio Frenk, dean of the Harvard School of Public Health; and Nevill Isdell, then-chairman of the Coca-Cola Company. The 2009 winners were His Excellency Paul Kagame, president of the Republic of Rwanda; Asha Hagi Elmi Ahmed, founder of the Global Village of Beijing; Julio Frenk, dean of the Harvard School of Public Health; and Nevill Isdell, then-chairman of the Coca-Cola Company.

The Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) convenes global leaders to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the world’s most pressing challenges. Since 2005, CGI Annual Meetings have brought together more than 125 current and former heads of state, 15 Nobel Peace Prize laureates, hundreds of leading CEOs, heads of foundations, major philanthropists, directors of the most effective nongovernmental organizations, and prominent members of the media. These CGI members have made more than 1,900 commitments valued at $63 billion, which have already improved the lives of nearly 300 million people in more than 170 countries. In 2009, the Annual Meeting was named the No. 1 conference for CEOs.

The CGI community also includes CGI University (CGI U), a forum to engage college students in global citizenship, MyCommitment.org, an online portal where anybody can make a Commitment to Action, and CGI Lead, which engages a select group of young leaders from business, government, and civil society.

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