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**NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTE TO HOST 500 INTERNATIONAL VISITORS  
AT DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN DENVER**

WASHINGTON, DC – The National Democratic Institute (NDI) announced today that it will host more than 500 international leaders from over 100 countries during the Democratic National Convention, Aug. 24-28, in Denver. The visitors will attend NDI's International Leaders Forum (ILF), which the Institute has organized at every Democratic convention since 1984.

The international visitors include current and former heads of state, speakers of parliament, elected officials, cabinet ministers, political party leaders and ambassadors from the Washington-based diplomatic corps.

“The International Leaders Forum gives political leaders from around the world a unique opportunity to observe American democracy first-hand while hearing from a wide range of experts from the U.S. and abroad,” said former Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright, chairman of NDI. “Our goal is to highlight the best of our democratic tradition, provide our guests with a better understanding of America's political process and encourage dynamic discussion about the future of democracy across the globe.”

Participants will observe the convention proceedings and take part in a series of bipartisan panel discussions on the U.S. political process, foreign and domestic policy issues, and media coverage of the presidential race. They will also have the rare opportunity to exchange ideas informally with their counterparts from around the world while getting a first-hand view of an American national political convention.

“Participation in the ILF reinforces the work that NDI does with political parties, government institutions, civic organizations and others to support open and accountable government,” said Kenneth Wollack, president of NDI. “The Institute is dedicated to bringing people together to share ideas, experiences and expertise.”

NDI is a nonpartisan, nongovernmental organization that has supported democratic institutions and practices in every region of the world for more than two decades.

ILF is privately funded by donations from individuals, foundations and corporations.

A copy of the ILF schedule appears below. For more information about NDI and the International Leaders Forum, please visit our website, [www.ndi.org](http://www.ndi.org).

**MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA ARE INVITED TO COVER THE FORUM.**

Panel discussions and events are open only to DNCC-credentialed media.  
NDI is happy to assist in arranging interviews with ILF participants.



**Tentative Schedule of Events**  
**NDI's International Leaders Forum (ILF)**  
August 24-28  
Denver, Colorado USA

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 24**

- 4:00pm – 6:00pm     **The 2008 Campaign:** *“The Role of Primaries, Nominating Conventions and Presidential Debates”*  
Stage Theater, Denver Center for the Performing Arts (DCPA)
- 6:00pm – 8:00pm     **Opening Reception** (credentialed ILF participants)  
Seawell Ballroom, DCPA

**MONDAY, AUGUST 25**

- 10:00am – 10:30am     **Introduction to the International Leaders Forum**  
Stage Theater, DCPA
- 10:30am – 12:00pm     **Domestic Politics and Policy Forum:** *“Analysis of the 2008 Presidential Campaign – A View from the Press”*  
Stage Theater, DCPA
- 2:00pm – 3:15pm     **Domestic Politics and Policy Forum:** *“Campaign 2008 in Ads and Anecdotes”*  
Stage Theater, DCPA

3:15pm – 4:30pm      **Domestic Politics and Policy Forum:** *“How They Would Govern”* – A program organized with the American Enterprise Institute and the Brookings Institution  
Stage Theater, DCPA

## **TUESDAY, AUGUST 26**

9:45am – 12:00pm      **International Affairs Forum:** *“Ensuring Democracy Delivers Real Dividends: A Perspective from Former Presidents and Prime Ministers”* – A program organized with the Club de Madrid  
Stage Theater, DCPA

2:00pm – 4:00pm      **Domestic Politics Forum:** *“Strategies for Winning in November: Reading the Polls and the Political Tea Leaves”*  
Stage Theater, DCPA

## **WEDNESDAY, JULY 27**

9:00am – 11:30am      **International Affairs Forum:** *“Enhancing the U.S. Role Around the World”*  
A program organized with the 2008 Rocky Mountain Roundtable, the Council on Foreign Relations and the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver  
Boettcher Concert Hall, DCPA

**Presentation:** *“The New American Consensus on International Cooperation”*  
A program organized with the United Nations Foundation’s Better World Campaign

**Panel Discussion:** *“Enhancing the U.S. Role Around the World”*

2:00pm – 4:00pm      **International Affairs Forum:** *“Combating Global Poverty”* – A program organized with the 2008 Rocky Mountain Roundtable, the Council on Foreign Relations and the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver in collaboration with the ONE Campaign Vote ‘08  
Boettcher Concert Hall, DCPA

## **THURSDAY, AUGUST 28**

10:00am – 12:00pm      **International Affairs Forum:** *“Building a Better, Safer World: What Would an Obama Presidency Do?”* - A program organized with the Center for U. S. Global Engagement with the foreign policy advisors to Senator Barack Obama  
Stage Theater, DCPA

12:30pm – 2:30pm      **Closing Luncheon** (credentialed ILF participants)  
Seawell Ballroom, DCPA