

Press Releases: On President Trump's Address to the UN General Assembly

Press Statement
Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Washington, DC
September 19, 2017

Today, President Donald J. Trump presented to assembled world leaders his vision of security, prosperity and peace led by sovereign nations. That vision requires a recommitment to the founding principles of the United Nations – to promote peace in troubled times. The President has clearly illuminated the challenges facing the community of nations, including those posed by DPRK, Iran, and Venezuela. As stated by the President, the world needs a renewed and reformed United Nations to tackle these great challenges.

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Press Releases: Secretary Tillerson's Call With Burmese State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi

Readout
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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Tillerson called Burmese State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi on September 19, to discuss the humanitarian crisis in Burma's Rakhine State. The Secretary welcomed the Burmese government's commitment to end the violence in Rakhine State and to allow those displaced by the violence to return home. He also urged the Burmese government and military to facilitate humanitarian aid for displaced people in the affected areas, and to address deeply troubling allegations of human rights abuses and violations.

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[Press Releases: UVA Darden School, Concordia and U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Partnerships Announce Sanitation Marketing Systems in Bangladesh as Winner of 2017 P3 Impact Award](#)

Media Note
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[The University of Virginia Darden School of Business](#) Institute for Business in Society, Concordia and the [U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Partnerships](#) is pleased to announce during the 2017 Concordia Summit in New York City today, the winner of the fourth annual [P3 Impact Award: *Sanitation Marketing Systems in Bangladesh*](#).

A model public-private partnership (P3) between the Bangladesh Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), UNICEF, iDE, and Rangpur Foundry Ltd. (RFL), the partnership seeks to strengthen the sanitation system in Bangladesh and prevent the spread of disease by facilitating scalable, sustainable access to improved sanitation.

The partnership has, as of June 2017, trained 340 latrine producers – 32 percent of whom are women – who sold over 37,000 improved latrines. Long-term social and economic impacts include improved health and wages saved from avoiding illness, as well as increased skills and employment for latrine producers.

Sanitation Marketing Systems in Bangladesh and four award finalists were featured in a special edition P3 Impact Award article series within the Darden School's thought-leadership publication, [Darden Ideas to Action](#). The series features leading practices and actionable insights from the winner and finalists. It will also continue to be used to develop teaching cases and other materials to share and advance best practices with other public-private partnerships around the world. In addition, *Sanitation Marketing Systems in Bangladesh* will receive a full scholarship to attend a week-long Darden Executive Education course.

The 2017 award finalists included: [The Accenture and Upwardly Global Partnership](#), [CARE-Cargill Partnership: Nourishing the Future in Central America](#), [Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women](#), and [Partnering for Poultry](#).

For further information, please contact the Office of Global Partnerships at partnerships@state.gov or visit <http://www.state.gov/s/partnerships/>. For media inquiries, please contact Anita Ostrovsky at ostrovskya@state.gov.

Follow [@GPatState](#), [@IBiS_Darden](#), [@ConcordiaSummit](#), and [#P3Impact](#) on Twitter for updates.

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Press Releases: St. Kitts and Nevis Independence Day Message

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On behalf of the United States we offer our best wishes to the people of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis as you celebrate 34 years of independence.

The United States is proud to be a longstanding partner and friend to the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis. Our history of collaboration on citizen security, energy, and economic development has been beneficial for both of our nations.

We wish your people a speedy recovery in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, and look forward to strengthening our partnership in the years ahead.

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Press Releases: Harlem Globetrotters

Sports Envoys Visit Estonia and Lithuania

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Members of the legendary American basketball team Harlem Globetrotters are traveling September 19-30 as U.S. Department of State [Sports Envoys](#) to Estonia and Lithuania. These Sports Envoys are helping to bolster the United States' cultural and social ties with the government and people of two long-standing partners and strong NATO Allies.

Represented by Anthony "Buckets" Blakes and Crissa "Ace" Jackson, the Harlem Globetrotters are renewing their rich history and partnership with the State Department, serving as Ambassadors of Goodwill, an initiative that dates back to the 1950s. During this visit, the players will showcase their basketball artistry and entertaining humor, while also sharing an important message about bullying prevention and character building with youth through the Globetrotters' signature programs.

Heading into their 92nd season in 2018, the Globetrotters are a uniquely American phenomenon. They have introduced millions to the sport of basketball, while building mutual understanding in more than 120 countries and territories on six continents.

Since 2003, the State Department's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs has sent more than 250 U.S. athletes to more than 85 countries on Sports Envoy programs.

For press inquiries in the United States, contact ECA-Press@state.gov. Follow the journey of the Harlem Globetrotters on Twitter @Globies and @USEmbTallinn (Estonia) and @USEmbVilnius (Lithuania). To learn more about State Department sports diplomacy, follow the program on Twitter [@SportsDiplomacy](#).

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