

The Sedona Forum 2021 Schedule  
Defending Democracy  
All Times are EDT

WEDNESDAY, April 28

**8:30 am – 8:45 am: Day Kickoff**

**Cindy McCain**, Chairman, McCain Institute for International Leadership  
**Josette Sheeran**, Executive Chairman, McCain Institute for International Leadership  
**Dr. Michael Crow**, President, Arizona State University  
**Governor Doug Ducey**, State of Arizona

**9:00 am – 9:45 am: Defending Democracy**

- **General Mark Milley**, 20<sup>th</sup> Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff

In conversation with:

- **Andrea Mitchell**, Chief Foreign Affairs Correspondent & Anchor, NBC News

**10:00 am - 10:45 am: American Leadership on Global Challenges: The Lessons Learned from COVID-19 and Preparing for the Next Pandemic**

*Introduction by David Miliband, President and CEO, International Rescue Committee*

- **Senator John Barrasso**, U.S. Senator, Wyoming
- **Dr. Tom Frieden**, President and CEO, Resolve to Save Lives

Moderator:

- **Hannah Vaughan Jones**, Journalist & Broadcaster, CNN

**10:00 am - 10:45 am: The Task Before Us: Rising to the China Challenge**

*Introduction Chris Brose, Head of Strategy, Anduril Industries*

- **Secretary Mark Esper**, 27<sup>th</sup> U.S. Secretary of Defense, 23<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Secretary of the Army
- **Representative Stephanie Murphy**, Congresswoman, Florida's 7<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives
- **Senator Dan Sullivan**, U.S. Senator, Alaska

Moderator:

- **Josh Rogin**, Columnist, Washington Post

**10:45 am - 11:00 am: Defenders of Democracy: Global Voices from the Frontlines**

- **Nathan Law**, Democracy Activist, Hong Kong

In Conversation with:

- **David Kramer**, Senior Fellow, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs Florida International University

### **11:00 am - 11:45 am: “A Cause Greater Than” Discussion**

*Introduction by Larry Fitzgerald, Wide Receiver, Arizona Cardinals*

- **José Andrés**, Founder, World Central Kitchen

In conversation with:

- **Senator Heidi Heitkamp**, Former U.S. Senator, North Dakota

### **11:45 am - 12:00 pm: Impact of the Abraham Accords**

- **Princess Lalla Jomala Alaoui**, Ambassador of Morocco, United States

### **12:00 pm - 12:45 pm: The Future of the Iran Nuclear Deal**

*Introduction by Fran Townsend, EVP, Corporate Affairs, Corporate Secretary and Chief Compliance Officer, Activision Blizzard*

- **General John Allen, USMC (Ret.)**, President, Brookings Institution
- **Representative Michael McCaul**, Congressman, Texas’ 10<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives
- **Senator Chris Murphy**, U.S. Senator, Connecticut

Moderator:

- **Brian Hook, Former**, US Special Representative for Iran

### **12:00 pm - 12:45 pm: Countering White Supremacist Violence**

*Introduction by Katrina Mulligan, Acting Vice President for National Security and International Policy, Center for American Progress*

- **Senator Dick Durbin**, U.S. Senator, Illinois
- **Elizabeth Neumann**, Former Assistant Secretary, Counter Terrorism and Threat Prevention, Department of Homeland Security
- **Representative Elissa Slotkin**, Congresswoman, Michigan’s 8<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives

Moderator:

- **Brette Steele**, Senior Director for Preventing Targeted Violence, McCain Institute for International Leadership

### **1:00 pm – 1:30 pm: Defending Democracy**

*Introduction by Wai Wai Nu, former political prisoner and the founder and Executive Director of the Women in Peace Network in Myanmar*

- **Angelina Jolie**, Special Envoy, UNHCR
- **Hamdi Ulukaya**, Founder and CEO, Chobani

Moderator:

- **Senator Chris Coons**, U.S. Senator, Delaware

### **1:45 pm - 2:00 pm: Impact of the Abraham Accords**

- **Shaikh Abdullah bin Rashid Al Khalifa**, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Bahrain, United States

### **2:00 pm – 2:45 pm: Containing Putin**

*Introduction by General H.R. McMaster, USA (Ret.) Fouad and Michelle Ajami Senior Fellow, Hoover Institution*

- **Senator Bob Menendez**, U.S. Senator, New Jersey
- **Vladimir Milov**, Founder and President, Institute of Energy Policy
- **Representative Adam Kinzinger**, Congressman, Illinois' 16<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives

Moderator:

- **Bill Browder**, CEO, Hermitage Capital Management

### **3:00 pm – 3:45 pm: The Future of Technology and Democracy**

- **Susan Wojcicki**, CEO, YouTube

In conversation with:

- **Senator Ben Sasse**, U.S. Senator, Nebraska

### **3:45 pm - 4:00 pm: Defenders of Democracy: Global Voices from the Frontlines**

- **Bobi Wine**, Member of Parliament, Kyadondo County East, Uganda

In Conversation with:

- **Paul Fagan**, Director of the Human Rights and Democracy Program, McCain Institute for International Leadership

### **4:00 pm – 4:45 pm: America's Global Soft Power Future**

*Introduction by Senator Tim Kaine, U.S. Senator, Virginia*

- **Mark Malloch Brown**, President, Open Society Foundations
- **Representative Liz Cheney**, Congresswoman, Wyoming's At-Large District, U.S. House of Representatives
- **Representative Michael Waltz**, Congressman, Florida's 6<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives

Moderator:

- **Steve Biegun**, Former U.S. Special Representative for North Korea

#### **4:00 pm – 4:45 pm: Protecting Democracy**

*Introduction by Trevor Potter, founder and President of Campaign Legal Center*

- **Senator Roy Blunt**, U.S. Senator, Missouri
- **Senator Amy Klobuchar**, U.S. Senator, Minnesota

Moderator:

- **Ali Rogin**, Foreign Affairs Producer, PBS NewsHour

THURSDAY, April 29

#### **8:45 am - 9:00 am Day Kickoff**

**Dr. Michael Crow**, President of Arizona State University

**Senator Kyrsten Sinema**, U.S. Senator, Arizona

**Senator Mark Kelly**, U.S. Senator, Arizona

#### **9:00 am - 9:45 am: The Need for a New International Technology Alliance**

*Introduction by Senator Mark Warner, U.S. Senator, Virginia*

- **Eric Schmidt**, co-founder of Schmidt Futures and former CEO of Google

In conversation with:

- **Dr. Michael Crow**, President of Arizona State University

#### **10:00 am – 10:45 am: Strategic Approach to Cyber**

*Introduction by Kiersten Todt, Managing Director, Cyber Readiness Institute*

- **Senator Mark Kelly**, U.S. Senator, Arizona
- **Senator Jack Reed**, U.S. Senator, Rhode Island
- **Senator Thom Tillis**, U.S. Senator, North Carolina

Moderator:

- **Siobhan Gorman**, Partner, The Brunswick Group

#### **10:00 am - 11:00 pm: Future of War**

*Introduction by General David Petraeus, USA (Ret.), Chairman, KKR Global Institute*

- **Representative Jim Banks**, Congressman, Indiana's 3<sup>rd</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives
- **Senator Joni Ernst**, U.S. Senator, Iowa
- **Representative Seth Moulton**, Congressman, Massachusetts's 6<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives

Moderator:

- **Daniel Rothenberg**, Co-Director, Center on the Future of War, Arizona State University

### **10:45 am - 11:00 am: Impact of the Abraham Accords**

- **Yousef Al Otaiba**, Ambassador of the UAE, United States

### **11:00 am – 11:30 am: Defending Democracy in a Digital Age**

- **Representative Will Hurd**, Former Congressman, Texas’ 23<sup>rd</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives
- **Christopher Krebs**, Former Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security

Moderator:

- **Margaret Brennan**, Moderator of Face the Nation, CBS News

### **11:30 am - 12:00 pm: One-on-One: Defenders of Democracy: Global Voices from the Frontlines**

- **Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya**, President-Elect, Belarus

In Conversation with:

- **Elise Labott**, Columnist, Foreign Policy

### **12:00 pm – 1:00 pm: When a Human Trafficking Hashtag got Hijacked**

*Introduction by Ernie Allen, Human Trafficking Advisory Council, McCain Institute for International Leadership*

- **Catherine Chen**, CEO, Polaris
- **Representative Tom Malinowski**, Congressman, New Jersey’s 7<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives
- **Ali Soufan**, Chairman and CEO, The Soufan Group

Moderator:

- **Kristen Abrams**, Senior Director of Combatting Human Trafficking, McCain Institute for International Leadership

### **1:00 pm – 1:30 pm: One-on-One - Leadership Discussion**

- **Representative Nancy Pelosi**, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives

In conversation with:

- **Cindy McCain**, Chairman of the Board, McCain Institute for International Leadership

### **1:45 pm - 2:00 pm: John McCain Tribute**

- **Bob Schieffer**, Political Contributor, CBS News

## **2:00 pm – 3:00 pm: How to Win the War Against Misinformation**

*Introduction by Sam Gill, President and CEO, Doris Duke Charitable Foundation*

- **David Axelrod**, Director, University of Chicago Institute of Politics
- **Lelah Ispahani**, Managing Director, Open Society
- **Senator Sheldon Whitehouse**, U.S. Senator, Rhode Island

Moderator:

- **Nick Thompson**, CEO, The Atlantic

## **2:00 pm – 3:00 pm: U.S. Foreign Policy in the Era of Multilateralism**

*Introduction by Representative Tom Perriello, Executive Director, U.S. Programs, Open Society Foundations*

- **Senator Chris Coons**, U.S. Senator, Delaware
- **Senator Mitt Romney**, U.S. Senator, Utah
- **Senator Jeanne Shaheen**, U.S. Senator, New Hampshire

Moderator:

- **Dean Pardis Mahdavi**, Social Sciences, School of Social Transformation, Arizona State University

## **3:00 pm - 3:30 pm: The Hero Code**

*Introduction by Jake Tapper, Chief Washington Correspondent, CNN*

- **Admiral William McRaven, USN (Ret.)**, 9<sup>th</sup> Commander, United States Special Operations Command

In conversation with:

- **Courtney Kube**, Correspondent, NBC News

## **4:00 pm - 4:45 pm: Irregular Diplomacy**

*Introduction by Senator Deb Fischer, U.S. Senator, Nebraska*

- **Ambassador Derek Mitchell**, President, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs
- **David Pressman**, Partner, Jenner & Block LLP
- **General Joseph Votel, USA (Ret.)**, Former United States Central Command

Moderator:

- **Steve Clemons**, Editor-at-Large, The Hill

FRIDAY, April 30

**8:45 am – 9:00 am: Day Kickoff**

**Senator Jeff Flake**, Former U.S. Senator, Arizona

**Senator Jon Kyl**, Former U.S. Senator, Arizona

**Secretary António Guterres**, Secretary General, United Nations

**9:00 am - 9:30 am: Promoting Democracy**

- **Secretary Madeleine Albright**, Chair, Albright Stonebridge Group

In conversation with:

- **Jason Carter**, Chairman of the Board, The Carter Center

**9:45 am - 10:00 am: Defenders of Democracy: Global Voices from the Frontlines**

- **Juan Guaidó**, President, Republic of Venezuela

**10:00 am - 10:45 am: Preventing Future Attacks on Democracy**

*Introduction by Nicholas Rasmussen, Executive Director, Global Internet Forum to Counter Terrorism*

- **Richard Aborn**, President, Citizens Crime Commission of New York
- **Vidhya Ramalingam**, Co-Founder, Moonshot CVE
- **Tony Sgro**, Founder and CEO, EdVenture Partners

Moderator:

- **Brette Steele**, Senior Director for Preventing Targeted Violence, McCain Institute for International Leadership

**10:00 am – 10:45 am: The Future of Trans-Atlantic Relationships**

*Introduction by General James Mattis, USMC (Ret.), 26<sup>th</sup> U.S. Secretary of Defense*

- **Senator Kelly Ayotte**, Trustee, McCain Institute for International Leadership, Former U.S. Senator, New Hampshire
- **Representative Gerry Connolly**, Congressman, Virginia's 11<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives
- **President Toomas Ilves**, Former President, Estonia

Moderator:

- **Dr. Kori Schake**, Director of Foreign and Defense Policy Studies, American Enterprise Institute

**10:45 am - 11:00 am: Defenders of Democracy: Global Voices from the Frontlines**

- **Dr. Jaushieh Joseph Wu**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan

**11:00 am – 11:30 am: The World Disorder: Facing the China Challenge**

- **Dr. Henry Kissinger**, Founder, Kissinger Associates

In conversation with:

- **Senator Joe Lieberman**, Former U.S. Senator, Connecticut

### **12:00 pm – 12:45 pm: Defense Position in the Indo-Pacific**

*Introduction by Ambassador Josette Sheeran, Executive Chairman, McCain Institute for International Leadership*

- **Julie Bishop MP**, Chancellor, Australian National University
- **Admiral Harry Harris, USN (Ret.)**, Former Ambassador, U.S. Embassy in Korea

Moderator:

- **Dr. Dan Twining**, President, International Republican Institute

### **12:00 pm - 12:45 pm: Eliminating Human Trafficking and Forced Labor In Global Supply Chains: Whose Responsibility Is It?**

*Introduction by Cindy McCain, Chairman of the Board, McCain Institute for International Leadership*

- **Dr. Genevieve LeBaron**, Professor of Politics, University of Sheffield
- **Rt. Hon. Theresa May**, Former Prime Minister, United Kingdom
- **Senator Rob Portman**, U.S. Senator, Ohio

Moderator:

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- **Senator Mitch McConnell**, Minority Leader, U.S. Senate

In conversation with:

- **Senator Kelly Ayotte**, Trustee, McCain Institute for International Leadership, Former U.S. Senator, New Hampshire

### **1:45 pm - 2:00 pm: Impact of the Abraham Accords**

- **Senator Lindsey Graham**, U.S. Senator, South Carolina

### **2:00 pm – 2:45 pm: Africa: Innovation, Investment, and Opportunity**

*Introduction by Dikembe Mutombo, President and CEO, Dikembe Mutombo Foundation*

- **Ben Affleck**, Actor, Director, Writer & Co-Founder and Chairman, Eastern Congo Initiative



- **Representative Karen Bass**, California's 37<sup>th</sup> District, U.S. House of Representatives
- **Cindy McCain**, Chairman of the Board, McCain Institute for International Leadership

Moderator:

- **Senator Jeff Flake**, Former U.S. Senator, Arizona

**2:45 pm – 3:00 pm: Cindy McCain Thank You/Wrap-up Video**

**“One Question”**

- **Please share with us your best story or memory of Senator John McCain**
- **In one minute or less, what should American Democracy represent at home and abroad in dealing with the current threats, aspects of social media, challenges and/or opportunities.**