

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**, 20th 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**, 27th U.S. Secretary of Defense, 23rd U.S. Secretary of the Army
- **Representative Stephanie Murphy**, Congresswoman, Florida's 7th 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 Joumala 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’ 10th 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 8th 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' 16th 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 6th 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

8:30 am – 8:45 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 3rd District, U.S. House of Representatives
- **Senator Joni Ernst**, U.S. Senator, Iowa
- **Representative Seth Moulton**, Congressman, Massachusetts's 6th 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’ 23rd 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 7th 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.)**, 9th 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

8:30 am – 8:45 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.), 26th 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 11th 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:

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

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

- **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 37th 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.**