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## U.S.-India People to People Conference



### "Building the Foundation for a Strong Partnership"

The US-India People to People Conference is designed to highlight the importance of people-to-people ties in 21st century diplomacy and of the vast contributions Indian Americans have made to the U.S.-India relationship. This conference entitled "Building the Foundation for a Strong Partnership" builds upon the first People-to-People Conference organized by members of the Indian Diaspora and held at the State Department in 2000 which focused on "Cultivating Multifaceted Partnerships."

The People-To-People Conference will be hosted by the U.S. Department of State in cooperation with the Indian American Leadership Council (IALC) and the American India Foundation (AIF) in the Loy Henderson Auditorium from 12:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on October 28, 2010. The program will consist of panel discussions related to the five pillars of the U.S.-India Strategic Dialogue, specifically Renewable Energy, Global Health, Education and Economic Empowerment. USAID Administrator Dr. Rajiv Shah will give the keynote address and Indian Ambassador to the U.S. Ms. Meera Shankar has been invited to give closing remarks.

Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asian Affairs Robert O. Blake, Assistant Secretary of Education and Cultural Affairs Ann Stock and other senior U.S. Government officials will also be in attendance and participating in the various conference sessions.

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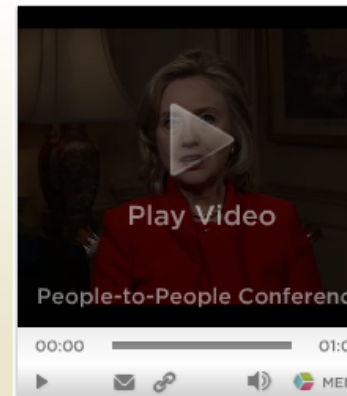
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**Secretary Clinton (Oct. 28):** "[T]he U.S. and India opened a Strategic Dialogue to advance our cooperation on some of the toughest challenges



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## **AGENDA**

**OCTOBER 28, 2010**

### **REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS**

11:30 – 12:30

### **WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**

12:30 – 12:45

**Robert D. Hormats**

*Under Secretary for Economic, Energy and Agricultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State*

**Ron Somers**

*President, U.S.-India Business Council (USIBC)*

**Dr. Kamala Edwards**

*President, Indian American Leadership Council (IALC)*

A special video message from

**U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton**

### **SESSION I: RENEWABLE ENERGY**

12:45 – 1:30

**Dr. Andrew Light**

*Senior Fellow and Coordinator, International Climate Policy,  
Center for American Progress*

**Kedar Munipella**

*Director, Solar Sales for Americas at Applied Materials, Inc.*

**Jacob Scherr**

*Director, Global Strategy and Advocacy,  
Natural Resources Defense Council*

**John Stephenson**

*Associate Partner, Dalberg Global Development Advisors*

Moderated by **Tom Cutler**, Director of European and Asia Pacific Affairs,  
U.S. Department of Energy

## **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

1:30 – 2:00

**Dr. Rajiv Shah**

*Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)*

Introduced by **Geoffrey R. Pyatt**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary,  
Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs, U.S. Department of State

## **BREAK**

2:00 – 2:30

## **SESSION II: GLOBAL HEALTH**

2:30 – 3:15

**Dr. Aman Bhandari**

*Policy Analyst, Office of Science and Technology Policy, White House*

**Dr. Anurag Mairal**

*Associate Director, Stanford-India Biodesign*

**Sameer Mithal**

*Executive Vice President, Business Development, WaterHealth International*

Moderated by **Dr. Rushna Ravji**, Senior Health Officer, USAID

## **SESSION III: EDUCATION**

3:15 – 4:00

**Iqbal Dhaliwal**

*Global Head of Policy, MIT Poverty Action Lab*

**Jessica Kehayes**

*Director of Education, Asia Society*

**Dr. Sanjay Rai**

*Vice President and Provost, Germantown Campus, Montgomery College*

**Dr. Sanjay Sinho**

*CEO, American India Foundation (AIF)*

Moderated by **Ann Stock**, Assistant Secretary,  
Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State

## **SESSION IV: ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT**

4:00 – 4:45

**Pradeep Ramamurthy**

*Senior Director of Global Engagement, National Security Council*

**Dr. Harbir Singh**

*Dean for Global Initiatives and Co-Director of the Mack Center for Technological Innovation, Wharton School,  
University of Pennsylvania*

**Dr. Arvind Subramanian**

*Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics and  
Center for Global Development*

Moderated by **Ron Somers**, President, U.S.-India Business Council

**CLOSING REMARKS**

4:45 – 5:00

**Ambassador Meera Shankar**

Embassy of India

Introduced by **Judith A. McHale**, Under Secretary of State,  
Bureau of Public Affairs and Public Diplomacy, U.S. Department of State