About Parliamentarians for Global Action

Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA), a non-profit, non-partisan international network of over 1300 legislators in more than 100 elected parliaments around the globe, aims to promote peace, democracy, the rule of law, human rights, sustainable development and population issues by informing, convening, and mobilizing parliamentarians to realize these goals.

How We Work:

PGA's program of work is under the political direction of an Executive Committee of 15 members. This structure allows PGA to effectively advocate policies at the national, regional, and international levels. By regulation the Executive Committee must retain a 40:60 gender ratio for either gender. The Executive Board elected by the International Council represents all the regions of the world. PGA also works closely with the UN system through the advisory body of PGA's UN Committee comprising senior UN ambassadors, high-level UN officials, and some leading NGO representatives. PGA also has had an extremely effective track record with intergovernmental agencies such as the UNFPA, UNDP, UNEP, UNICEF, UNIFEM, UNESCO, the World Bank, Asian Development Bank, and International IDEA. PGA's programs on Peace and Democracy, Sustainable Development, Health and Population, and International Law and Human Rights work in close cooperation with NGOs and leading research institutions in these fields.



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31st Annual Forum: Environment and Energy Management

United States Congress Washington, D.C. October 21-22, 2009

Defender of Democracy Awards Dinner

October 20th, 2009 7:00 pm, Library of Congress



In today's delicate economy, we know that costcutting, efficiency and sustaining growth are foremost in business leaders' minds, especially when it comes to energy. Though prices for oil, coal and electricity have slumped in recent months, experts agree they will soar at the first sign of recovery. The new administration in Washington has promised new energy tax structures to combat climate change. Customers show an everincreasing desire for clean, green goods and services. Managing energy resources is a key tool to reduce expenses, maximize profit and grow your business, all while protecting our environment.

You are not alone in seeking energy solutions. This is a global challenge that bridges governments, companies, and nonprofits, three groups we are bringing together this October for our Annual Forum in Washington D.C. Legislators, experts, and executives will discuss energy resources, production and demand, financing and cost reduction, measuring efficiency, building and developing energy infrastructure, and environmental impacts. Participants will share best practices around shared management goals and seek common ground around more controversial policies such as regulation, emission controls, and energy security.

At the same time, we will recognize the work of those who rode out ahead of the curve on these issues. As a guest at our Defender of Democracy Awards Dinner, you will hear insights on energy management from our award winners and have the opportunity to network with a stunning array of business and public policy leaders.

We look forward to seeing you in Washington, D.C.



31st Annual Forum

October 20, 2009 DEFENDER OF DEMOCRACY AWARDS 7:00 pm at the Library of Congress

October 21st, 2009 DAY ONE: THE CHALLENGES

8:30 Registration

9:15 The Environment

10:00 The Energy Game

- Energy and Economic Growth
- Energy Demand Projections
- Energy Supplies
- Alternative energy sources

12:00 Lunch -

Keynote Address : "Improving the Human Condition through a Convergent Strategy to Address Energy and Environmental and Climate Issues"

2:00 Energy Impacts on the Environment and Climate

4:00 Social and Economic Challenges

October 22nd, 2009 DAY TWO: THE PROMISE AND THE CHANGE

8:30 The Promise

- Future Energy Economies Projections for 2020 and 2040 in Transportation, Electricity, Industrial and Natural Resources and Social Equity

11.30 Lunch

- Green Living & Sustainable Food
- 1:00 The Change
- The Transition: Program
- and Policy Needs
- National Needs and Approaches
- International Needs and Approaches

3:00 Adoption of Joint Resolution

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