



Spring Policy Conference Event Agenda

Event Details

May 9 – 10, 2013
Willard InterContinental Hotel
Washington, DC

Thursday, May 09, 2013

11:30 am	Registration
12:00 pm	General Lunch Willard Room: Lobby Level
1:00 pm	<i>Welcoming Remarks:</i> Crystal Room: Lobby Level Steve Odland , Chief Executive Officer, Committee for Economic Development
1:15 pm	Fiscal Health Panel Crystal Room: Lobby Level The policymaking process in Washington is breaking new ground in both the length of the metaphorical road and the number of dents in the budget can. Is there an end in sight, and will that end be fiscal responsibility or an economic and financial disaster? <i>Moderator: David Wessel</i> , Wall Street Journal <i>Panelists:</i> Bob Corker , Senator, Tennessee Saxby Chambliss , Senator, Georgia Alice Rivlin , Co-Chair, Debt Reduction Task Force Mark Warner , Senator, Virginia James Rohr , Chairman and CEO, PNC Financial Services Group, Inc.
2:45 pm	Break
3:15 pm	Postsecondary Education and the Economy Crystal Room: Lobby Level The U.S. economy cannot grow without a skilled workforce. But postsecondary education is rapidly becoming unaffordable to American families, while public budgets are stressed and cannot fill the growing cost gap. What can business and public policy do to increase the number of people with postsecondary credentials and improve the quality of their education? <i>Moderator: Jamie Merisotis</i> , President and Chief Executive Officer, Lumina Foundation for Education <i>Panelists:</i> Tony Miller , Deputy Secretary of Education Carl Camden , President and CEO, Kelly Services William "Brit" Kirwan , Chancellor, University System of Maryland Margaret Spellings , Former Secretary of Education
4:45 pm	<i>Closing Remarks</i>
5:30 pm	Cocktails Peacock Room: Lobby Level
6:30 pm	Dinner Crystal Room: Lobby Level <i>Keynote Speaker: Gene Sperling</i> , Director, National Economic Council Steny Hoyer , House Minority Whip (<i>invited</i>) Frank Wolf , Representative, Virginia (<i>invited</i>)

8:00 am

Breakfast

The Nest: Mezzanine Level

Speaker: **David Stockman**, Author; Former Director, Office of Management and Budget

9:30 am

Sustainable Capitalism Panel

Willard Room: Lobby Level

Sustainable capitalism is an enduring economic system that achieves a free society; steady economic growth; a higher standard of living; equal opportunity; and shared improvements in the quality of life. Are domestic and global challenges to free enterprise threatening the sustainability of American capitalism? How should American capitalism evolve to adapt to these challenges?

Moderator: **Alan Murray**, President, Pew Research Center

Panelists:

Roger Ferguson, President and Chief Executive Officer, TIAA-CREF

Roderick Hills, Partner, Hills Stern & Morley LLP; Founder and Chairman, Hills Program on Governance at the Center for Strategic and International Studies

John Bryson, Former Secretary of Commerce; Distinguished Senior Public Policy Scholar, Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars

David Langstaff, President and Chief Executive Officer, TASC, Inc.

10:45 am

Break

11:00 am

Politics and Policy Panel

Willard Room: Lobby Level

Politics and policymaking in Washington are said by insiders to have reached new depths of hostility and negativity. Cooperation and public spirit are hard if not impossible to find. Do the American people want to adapt to this deterioration in public life, or will policymakers finally change the tone in Washington?

Moderator: **Ruth Marcus**, Editorial Writer, *The Washington Post*

Panelists:

Gary Ferguson, Senior Vice President, American Viewpoint, Inc.

David Freddoso, Editorial Page Editor, *The Washington Examiner*

James Thurber, Director and Distinguished Professor, Center for Congressional and Educational Studies

Alexis Simendinger, White House Correspondent, Real Clear Politics

12:00 pm

Closing Remarks: **Steve Odland**, Chief Executive Officer, Committee for Economic Development

Lunch Available

Buchanan Room: Lower Level