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President Clinton Announces Program for 2009 Clinton Global Initiative

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New York - President Bill Clinton today announced the program for the Fifth Annual Meeting of the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) to be held September 22-25 in New York City.

"As the Clinton Global Initiative approaches its Fifth Annual Meeting, I am looking forward to working together with some of the world's most forward-looking CEOs, leaders from government and innovative non-profits to make progress on the great global challenges," President Clinton said. "Through our Annual Meeting, CGI members have made upwards of 1,400 commitments that have already impacted more than 200 million people in 150 countries. I am excited to see what this year's Annual Meeting will bring."

Since 2005, more than 80 current and former heads of state; hundreds of leading CEOs, philanthropists, and NGO leaders; and 10 of the last 16 Nobel Peace Prize laureates have attended CGI. This year, President Clinton will again be joined by leading voices from every sector to take action on four major global challenges: education, energy & climate change, global health, and poverty alleviation.

The following are among those who have confirmed their attendance at the 2009 CGI Annual Meeting: 35 current and former heads of state, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Larry Summers, Valerie Jarrett, Lloyd Blankfein of Goldman Sachs, Angela Braley of WellPoint, John Chambers of Cisco, James Dimon of JP Morgan Chase & Co., Mike Duke of Wal-Mart, Carlos Ghosn of Nissan Motor, Muhtar Kent of The Coca-Cola Company, Jack Ma of Alibaba Group, Indra Nooyi of PepsiCo, Inc., and Carlos Slim Helú of Grupo Carso S.A. de C.V.

For the Fifth Annual Meeting, CGI is introducing four new Action Areas – points of collaboration and intervention – that will guide CGI's program. These new areas will empower CGI's members to make concrete Commitments to Action that will yield a positive, measurable impact on the global challenges we all face.

The 2009 Action Areas are: Harnessing Innovation for Development; Strengthening Infrastructure; Developing Human Capital; Financing a Sustainable Future. Each Action Area cuts across CGI's four global challenges.

Harnessing Innovation for Development

Technological, business, and organizational innovations that translate today's social and environmental challenges into opportunities for development can be a critical source of economic value. Leading corporations are creating new products and services to meet worldwide demand for affordable, nutritious, and safe food; decent housing; capital; energy efficiency; and more.

Strengthening Infrastructure

In the absence of clean water, health facilities, housing, transportation, clean energy, and other vital systems, societies and businesses will not realize their full potential. Governments around the world are expanding their financial commitments to infrastructure, creating diverse



investment opportunities and improving the quality of life for societies.

Building Human Capital

Businesses and societies require a healthy, well-educated, and properly trained workforce to thrive. Yet fundamental education and labor-market challenges threaten the well-being of global workforces. As the global community seeks to recover from an economic slowdown, job creation will be more important and challenging than ever. Fortunately, there are opportunities to be seized in emerging industries and markets, where jobs can be created in ways that also address social and/or environmental challenges throughout the supply chain.

Financing an Equitable Future

Despite the current economic crisis, investment opportunities are expanding in emerging markets that promise to contribute to sustainable economic growth and development worldwide. A new destination for capital is "impact investing," which aims to generate financial returns in addition to social impact. Cooperation between the public, philanthropic, and private sectors is essential to build a sound financial infrastructure to support the growth of impact investing.

On Thursday, September 24, President Clinton will host the third annual Clinton Global Citizen Awards, which recognizes extraordinary individuals who have demonstrated innovative leadership in solving pressing global challenges. Through their work, these honorees have proven that cross-sectors of society, including governments, corporations, philanthropists and non-governmental organizations, can work together successfully to implement and devise solutions that effect positive, lasting social change.

As a non-profit organization, CGI depends upon sponsorship assistance to fund its operations and Annual Meeting. CGI would like to thank Tom Golisano, major underwriter of the Annual Meeting. CGI also thanks the following sponsors: the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, Booz Allen Hamilton, Calyon, CLSA, Cisco Systems, Dell, Deutsche Bank, Duke Energy, The Economist, Energy Developments and Investments Corporation, EKTA Foundation, Exxon Mobil, Goldman Sachs, Grupo ABC, Hewlett-Packard, Inter-American Development Bank, Laureate Education, Melvin and Bren Simon Foundation, Microsoft, Procter & Gamble, the Rockefeller Foundation, and Swiss Re.

About the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI)

Established in 2005 by President Bill Clinton, the Clinton Global Initiative (CGI) convenes global leaders to devise and implement innovative solutions to some of the world's most pressing challenges. Since 2005, CGI Annual Meetings have brought together more than 100 current and former heads of state, 14 Nobel Peace Prize laureates, hundreds of leading CEOs, heads of foundations, major philanthropists, directors of the most effective nongovernmental organizations, and prominent members of the media. These CGI members have made more than 1,400 commitments valued at \$46 billion, which have already improved the lives of 200 million people in 150 countries. Commitments made at the 2008 Annual Meeting are expected to affect almost 160 million people. The CGI community also includes CGI University (CGI U), a forum to engage college students in global citizenship; CGI Asia; and MyCommitment.org, an online portal where anybody can make their own Commitment to Action. CGI will hold its Fifth Annual Meeting September 22-25, 2009, in New York City. For more information, visit www.clintonglobalinitiative.org.

