



THE RESPONSIBLE LEADERS SUMMIT

2019

WE HAVE STARTED A MOVEMENT

Five months ago, the notion of Responsible Leadership was a lofty if still vague concept, a distinct lacking that His Excellency, Dr. Mohammad bin Abdulkarim Al-Issa, and myself sensed in so much of the global strategy to improve the world. From fighting inequality and intolerance to addressing our shortcomings in advancing sustainability and gender inclusivity, we saw a range of approaches that all too often relied on short-term gains, convenient objectives and ultimately destructive outcomes.

A page has been turned.

Through the launch of the Centre of Responsible Leadership (CRL) and your invaluable contributions to the 2019 Responsible Leaders Summit at the United Nations, we have established an expansive and growing partnership to fill the void in real and actionable leadership. Moreover, the Summit produced the kind of ambitious and interdisciplinary goal-setting that we all must undertake if we are going to fundamentally reshape how our institutions, business, government bodies and faith-based organizations effect change. The solution begins in us, in how we analyze society's problems and conceive of plans to rectify them. We know the only effective methods rely on Responsible Leadership.

In the days since the Summit, I have reflected on all that we heard, all that we probably thought we had known, and all that we have now learned. The CRL's guiding philosophy holds true: Responsible Leadership must be based on conviction rather than convenience, in the interests of the future and not the present, and with a focus on the constructive and not the destructive. The difference now is that we have an actionable strategy to put Responsible Leadership into practice, and unleash our responsible leaders on the world.

Our Action Plan, outlined in this report, reflects the heavy demands that a leadership agenda entails. It focuses on the pillars of education, advocacy and research. We will win the commitment of more leaders from more walks of life, as determined as we are to instill the

principles of Responsible Leadership in all that we do. We will collect testimonials replete with the experiences and expertise of responsible leaders to create a roadmap that informs the operational strategy of any governmental, organizational, corporate or community leader. And fully cognizant that there is still so much more to do, and so much more to the concept and execution of Responsible Leadership, we will stand up steering committees and other advisory boards to help guide the activities of the CRL going forward.

Our work is nowhere near done. We all know that summits do not change humanity by itself. Now it is time to put our words into action, to identify and target the access points at the global and local levels where we can exert the greatest possible influence for good. I am confident we will succeed.

In the short term of its existence, the CRL has put the concept of Responsible Leadership on the global map, uniting many of the world's leading thinkers and actors behind a common and inclusive platform for societal betterment. And through the power of ideas, we and all of you already have built a network of innovative, dedicated and highly influential leaders, who live and practice the virtues of Responsible Leadership. I am sure this movement will only grow – mainly because of all of you.

There is no alternative. We are beset by too many crises, from the decline in civil discourse and increased interfaith hostilities to escalating economic inequality and the further deterioration of our planet.

Real solutions require real action, and responsible action. Not tomorrow, but now! I look forward to continuing our work together to foster a new era of Responsible Leadership.

Respectfully Yours,



Bawa Jain

Secretary General, Responsible Leaders Summit



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“At the heart of every goal for good, lies responsible leadership. We need actions more than words... our words will do no good unless we act. We don't need just words. We need action. We don't need just initiative. We need to initiate. We know the world is not perfect, but we can help perfect it.”

-HE Dr. Mohammad Abdulkarim Al-Issa
Chairman, Responsible Leaders Summit



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“Our goal, to put it simply, is to mobilize some of the most powerful voices who can exert influence on behalf of the collective interest of the majority rather than the few who are somehow always projected to the front.”

-Bawa Jain
*Secretary General,
Responsible Leaders Summit*



Responsible Leaders Summit Agenda

United Nations

May 1, 2019

Welcome & Introductions

Summit Master of Ceremonies: David Gregory

Renowned Journalist and Former Moderator, NBC's Meet the Press

Welcome Remarks

HE Dr. Mohammad Abdulkarim Al-Issa

*Secretary General, Muslim World League
Chairman, Responsible Leaders Summit*

Bawa Jain

*Secretary General, The World Council of Religious Leaders
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Solution Session 1

Restoring Civility to Public Discourse

In an age of increasingly divisive rhetoric, it is imperative for everyone to restore the civility in public discourse. If we are to build and safeguard an environment conducive to collaboration and reasonable decision-making, it cannot be based on name-calling, browbeating, threats and/or embarrassment. But how do we do that when the flamethrowers consistently are the loudest voices?

Solution Session 2

Addressing Economic Inequality

The divide between the rich and the poor has widened dramatically in the United States over the past few decades, with no remedy in sight. The situation is much the same in many other developed and developing countries. How do we advance trade and social protection policies that provide real economic gains to the poorest and most marginalized communities?

Solution Session 3

Safeguarding Our Planet

As living beings, we depend on clean water. Development requires energy. Urban areas require infrastructure, sanitation and other essentials. And environmental disregard threatens all of these. How do we meet our present needs to provide basic service, adequate housing and opportunities for jobs and industry, while embedding environmental protection and sustainability practices so that we are not jeopardizing the future?

Award Presentation: Excellence in Sustainability

Christian Rynning-Tønnesen

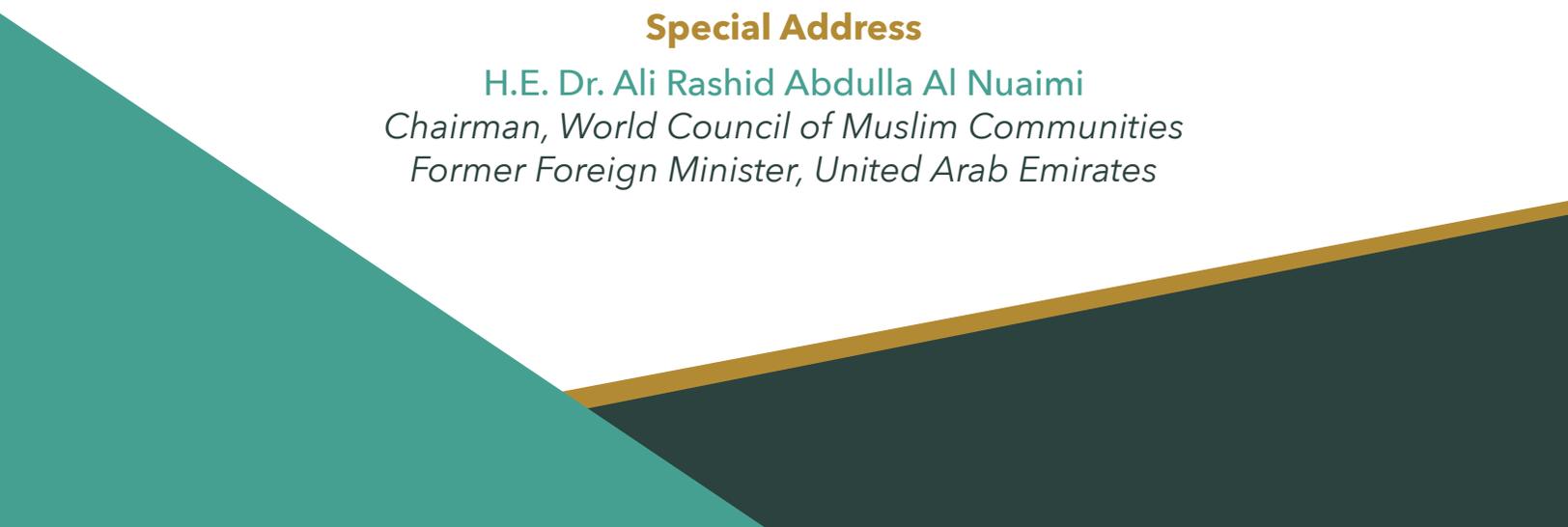
CEO, Statkraft

Special Address

H.E. Dr. Ali Rashid Abdulla Al Nuaimi

Chairman, World Council of Muslim Communities

Former Foreign Minister, United Arab Emirates



Solution Session 4

Uniting the Faithful

Faith should be a unifying factor among the peoples of the world. However, it is all too often misused to divide. How do we eliminate the breeding ground for groups like Da'esh (ISIS) in the Middle East, the Ku Klux Klan in the United States or neo-Nazis in Europe? And how do we leverage interfaith understanding into real solutions for our communities?

Solution Session 5

Ensuring Gender Equality

Gender equality is a fundamental human right. And the empowerment of women and girls is fundamental to building a peaceful, prosperous and sustainable world. How do we unleash their full potential?

Special Presentation: UN High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) and The Muslim World League

Ninette Kelley

Director, New York Office, UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency

Anne-Marie Grey

Executive Director & CEO, USA for UNHCR – The UN Refugee Agency

HE Dr. Mohammed Al-Issa

Secretary General, Muslim World League



SOLUTION SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

An initiative dedicated to assembling global thought leaders to find sustainable solutions to the major challenges plaguing our world today.



Master of Ceremonies David Gregory



Summit Secretary General Bawa Jain



Ambassador Nancy Brinker and Senator Joseph Lieberman



Moderator Paula Faris



Panelist Monsignor Khaled Akasheh



Panelist Cecile Richards



Panelist Jessica Rosenworcel



Bawa Jain, Dr. Mohammed Al-Issa, Adam Sharp, Senator Joe Lieberman, Hadassah Lieberman

Solution Session 1: Restoring Civility to Public Discourse

Public behaviour must be confined to specific parameters of acceptability. In all of our interactions and communications, we should operate on the basis of accountability. What is unacceptable should be condemned, and what is commendable reinforced.

These are not new precepts. In Christianity, we hear: “To whom must is given, much is expected.” In Judaism: “The more power you accumulate, the greater impact your irresponsibility carries.”

The responsible leader does not divide. He or she unites. The responsible leader builds inclusive, safe environments that create space for each to express their identity. Guidance should be meaningful and stories should be honest.

Today’s challenge is amplifying the civil, and blocking out the uncivil. Weaponized speech should be called out for what it is, thenceforth ignored. We should be amplifying the responsible, those who use discourse to connect and unify.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

Create safe environments. Meaningful collaboration thrives in places where leaders communicate with decency and accountability, and a common set of standards governs behaviour. Inclusivity must be more than buzzword. It must define the environment.

Practice respectful dialogue. Speech cannot be a weapon of destruction, but rather a tool of construction. At the local or international level, responsible leaders must adhere to respectful discourse – even in disagreement. Civil discourse must be nurtured, cultivated, encouraged.

Encourage responsible politics. Let us reward the responsible. At all levels of government, we need candidates committed to a healthy public discourse—before and after they take office. We can reject the irresponsible through the ballot box.



“What used to be spirited politics, has now become a war. Speech has become a weapon.”

- Senator Joseph Lieberman

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President & CEO, National Academy Of Television Arts & Sciences (The Emmy Awards); Former Head of News, Government & Elections, Twitter



Maurice Levy, Franz Paasche, Lauren Bush Lauren, Jessica Rosenworcel

Solution Session 2: Addressing Economic Inequality

Addressing income inequality is an urgency – in the United States and globally. From education to the workplace to culture, our society is organized around structural inequalities that are constantly being reinforced. We must challenge these old models and reform them.

Take the homework gap. While more and more of a student’s schoolwork is online or requires high-speed internet, millions of households still lack such service. This inequality carries with it effects that last into an individual’s adulthood and entry into the workforce.

Race cannot be ignored, in America and in other places where it has been endemic factor in material inequality. Ignoring race is ignoring the problem.

Any strategy for reversing inequality must start with meeting the basic needs of a marginalized individual or community. If hunger, lack of access to health care and unsafe environments cannot be addressed, broader goals of economic justice will consequentially prove elusive.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

Tackle homework gap. Addressing the problem starts in the education system, and tackling long-standing structures of inequality. While we strive to advance equality in this generation, we should already be hard at work shaping a more equitable next generation.

Acknowledge role of race. Race plays an undeniable role in the history of oppression and last inequality, in countries and cultures around the world. The responsible leader acknowledges and comprehensively addresses race, even when avoidance may seem the more convenient approach.

Provide for basic needs. Food security. Medical care. Environments free of conflict. We will forever struggle to achieve equality while so many lack the basic essentials of a safe and healthy existence. Fighting inequality means fighting for security and material advancement – for all.

“If you look at a map where hunger exists, and where conflict exists, there is much overlap.”

– Lauren Bush Lauren





“7 out of 10 teachers now assign homework that requires internet access, yet one in three households do not have broadband. 12 million students can’t do their homework because of internet access.”

– Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel

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Lauren Bush Lauren

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Franz Paasche

Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs & Communications, PayPal

Jessica Rosenworcel

Commissioner, Federal Communications Commission (FCC)



Noel Kinder, Ken Berlin, Bjorn Kjærland Haugland

Solution Session 3: Safeguarding Our Planet

Corporations cannot solely exist for profits. Certainly successful ones cannot. This all-too-common misperception misses the central purposes of a responsible business: To improve the world, not simply to derive profit from it, and to build a platform of sustainability, not merely to cash in here and now.

Leadership teams play a key role in defining company culture. The responsible consider the footprint of their business activities, and make meaningful contributions to shared social needs. They act ethically because it is good for us and their bottom lines. They address climate change because we and their companies need them to.

Sustainability means safeguarding the planet for future generations - not just our own. This is something the responsible leader only says. It is a fundamental priority. Failure means that everything else you do is, over the long run, meaningless.

It is right that we focus on infrastructure and development as bases of long-term success. Sustainability must be part of the equation. Unsustainable infrastructure will not help anyone. A development strategy without sustainability will leave us constantly needing new investments.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

Make corporations about people. We must challenge the idea that companies exist solely for profits. If your corporation fails to address climate change and inspire greater social responsibility, it is a failing corporation.

Build the infrastructure of sustainability. Sustainability and infrastructure are interconnected. So, too, are sustainability and development. We need greater interdisciplinary efforts to advance real and lasting strategies of sustainability that propel us decades into the future.

Put clean energy first. The future must be about sustainability, in business approach and energy usage. As the technologies of tomorrow reach greater numbers worldwide, we should prioritize renewable energy sources. We can pair global growth with environmental improvement.

“The need to safeguard the planet is the defining crisis of our generation.”

– Noel Kinder



MODERATOR

Robert Bazell

Professor, Yale University; Former Chief Science and Health Correspondent, NBC News

PANELISTS

Ken Berlin

President & CEO, The Climate Reality Project

Bjørn Kjærland Haugland

CEO, Norway 203040; Former Chief Sustainability Officer, DNV GL Group

Noel Kinder

Chief Sustainability Officer, Nike



Solution Session 4: Uniting the Faithful

Most of the world self-identifies as religious. If we are to build bridges among peoples and replace hate with understanding, embrace and cooperation, religious leaders must pave the way. Their responsibility is critical to a harmonious planet.

Interfaith dialogue is a core component of the religious leader's responsibility. It is not enough to say that religions share common themes and each seeks the betterment of humanity. The world looks to our spiritual leaders to see how they are advancing a better world, and how they can follow the example.

The religious leader must reject terrorism and extremism. He or she must also look to the root causes of such behaviour, and devise tactics to destroy prejudices and misconceptions, and instead spread love.

Religious leaders cannot do this if they stay hidden away in their houses of worship. They must make their interfaith efforts a centrepiece of international mediation and conflict resolution campaigns. They must assume their mantles as leaders, pure and simple.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

Credit other religions. All forms of spirituality can contribute to a more peaceful, tolerant, understanding and cooperative world. Religious leaders should recognize the good deeds of their counterparts. Our faiths should focus on collaboration, not competition.

Empower religious leaders. The majority of the world self-identifies as religious. They need responsible leaders helping them translate their faith into action. When empowered, these leaders can lead the fight against terrorism and extremism. When ignored, humanity loses a critical asset.

Form interfaith alliances. As our thoughts must embrace the other, so too should our networks. We must come face-to-face with contrasting views and differing core beliefs. Through dialogue and education, we enhance understanding and partnership, and develop broader, more effective leadership strategies.

“As representatives of the different religious traditions, we share a common message, which is, that responsibility is not something just for leaders, it's something for everyone. We all have responsibility to make our world a better place.”

– Rabbi David Rosen





MODERATOR

Paula Faris

Anchor and Senior National Correspondent, ABC News; Host, Journeys Of Faith Podcast

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Secretary of the Commission for Religious Relations with Muslims and Bureau Chief for Islam at the Pontifical Council for Inter-Religious Dialogue

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Secretary General, The Muslim World League

Swami Avdheshananda Giri Maharaj

Chairman of Hindu Dharma Acharya Sabha (India)

Rabbi David Rosen

International Director of Interreligious Affairs, American Jewish Committee (AJC)

Venerable Shi Ming Yi

Abbot of Foo Hai Chan Monastery (Singapore)

Solution Session 5: Ensuring Gender Equality

We should not empower women and girls solely for their sake. It is for everyone's sake. If we are to unlock a more peaceful and prosperous future, the leadership of girls and women will be the key. We have to speak with a common set of ideas when we talk about empowerment.

True leadership is inclusive. And that means leading from a position of inclusiveness and building leaders from diverse intersections of gender, race, ethnicity, religion and background. Men and women must be leaders for the sake of inclusivity.

For too long, leadership has been defined primarily by men. We still fall prey to unconscious biases of what leadership means, and what governs our gender expectations. We must consciously undermine these if we are truly to make a quantum leap in gender inclusivity. It starts with readdressing each of our own actions, beliefs and conceptions of leadership.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

Embolden women. Equality is not enough. Girls and women at school and the workplace need safe places to voice their ideas and concerns, and develop their potential. It requires active commitment from companies and institutions.

Cultivate inclusive leadership. The drivers of change in our world are increasingly diverse. Our leadership must follow suit. As the internet and our interconnectivity break down old barriers, we must shatter outdated notions of leadership. Responsibility derives from values, not gender.

Address unconscious bias. Bias runs deep in our culture and ourselves. Responsible leaders must adopt actionable strategies to level the playing field. We must confront the biases all around us to ensure diverse representation. The success of our society depends on it.



“Those who have privilege need to make space for those who do not. It is important to endorse and elevate the voices of others.”

– Cecile Richards



MODERATOR

Cindi Leive

Professor, Yale University; Former Chief Former Editor-in-Chief, Glamour Magazine and SELF Magazine

PANELISTS

Jimmie Briggs

Writer; Member, New York City Commission on Gender Equity; Community & Partnerships Lead, The Goldin Institute

Claudia Chan

CEO & Founder of S.H.E. GLOBL

Cecile Richards

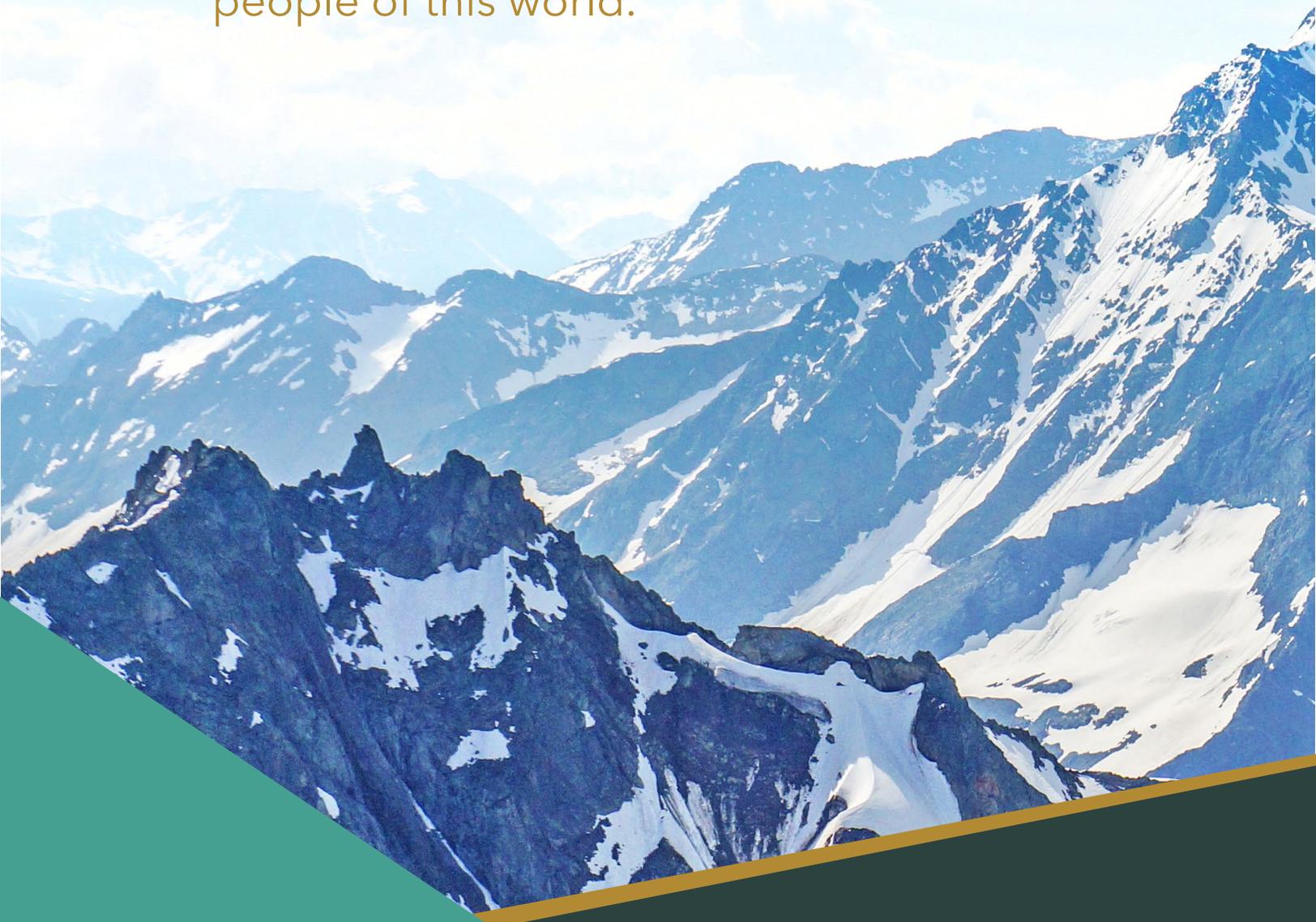
National women's rights advocate, Former President, Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Neera Tanden

President, Center for American Progress

2019 Responsible Leaders Awards

Responsible leaders are those who, through their life work, exemplify the virtues of acting in the interests of the future and not only the present; out of conviction and not convenience; and with the aim of being constructive and not destructive. At the core of their missions are faithfulness, honesty, education and building bridges among people of this world.





The 2019 Responsible Leadership Award for **Truth in Media**

Ms. Ann Curry

Award-winning journalist and photojournalist, and former NBC News Network anchor and international correspondent

Curry imbues a deeply human aspect to her reporting that goes beyond the headlines to show how news events affect real people. She has contributed to ground-breaking journalism on climate change, interviewing scientists and native peoples, and documenting glacial melt in the Arctic and Mount Kilimanjaro. Her extensive reporting from inside Iran has given voice to its women, human rights activists and young people.

“We can’t prevent people with power from spreading lies, but we can call out a lie. We can address the fear. We can understand with compassion the causes of discontent and we can answer it... And we can and should tell the truth in every way possible. Not just to ourselves, but to people who might not otherwise know it. The road to trust is truth.”

– Ann Curry



The 2019 Responsible Leadership Award for **Engaged Leadership**

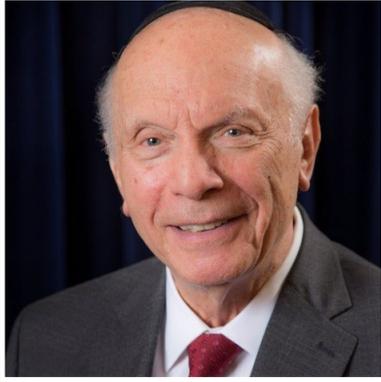
Mr. Alex Gorsky

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Johnson & Johnson

Gorsky has continued to make Johnson & Johnson one of the world’s most exceptional corporations, and securing it the top spot on various global rankings for most respected and admired companies. He is a champion of diversity inclusion and veteran’s issues, and has received numerous awards for his social efforts.

“The most distinguishing and urgent need that we have in our country, in corporate America, and in society today is leadership. Throughout my career, I’ve learned the value that diversity has in leadership and how being there for one another is an incredibly important life lesson that we need more of today. It’s about serving a cause that is bigger than ourselves.”

– Alex Gorsky



The 2019 Responsible Leadership Award for
A Lifetime of Achievement

Rabbi Arthur Schneier

*President, Appeal of Conscience Foundation
Senior Rabbi Park East Synagogue*

Schneier has devoted his life to overcoming the forces of hatred and intolerance. Among many high-level interfaith efforts, Schneier convened six major conferences with Catholic, Muslim and Serbian Orthodox religious leaders from the former Yugoslavia to advance the cause of peace and reconciliation during the Balkan wars of the 1990s.

“We have to be united and not silent. Be a blessing to humanity, to mankind. That should be everyone’s mission statement in life.”

– Rabbi Arthur Schneier



The 2019 Responsible Leadership Award for
Excellence in Sustainability

Mr. Christian Rynning-Tønnesen

CEO, Statkraft

Rynning-Tønnesen has been deeply committed to climate change issues and is among the 28 Commissioners of The Global Commission of Economy and Climate. has convened the Climate Roundtable for several years, bringing together experts from academia, business and nongovernmental organizations to find new solutions to climate change.

“While I’m deeply concerned about climate change, I’m also an optimist... because we see an awakening of young people around the world demanding that we act to stop climate change. Still no company, no government or no individual can solve the climate crisis alone, this is a global team effort and we are all drafted for this team.”

– Christian Rynning-Tønnesen

THE 2020 ACTION PLAN

The Centre for Responsible Leadership's "2020 Action Plan" establishes a sustainable platform of Education, Advocacy and Research to advance the principles of responsible leadership, by building broader awareness of best practices, driving efforts toward actionable results and helping shape the next generation of responsible leaders.

The plan, adopted at the end of the inaugural Responsible Leaders Summit at the United Nations, is broken down into three Efforts. Each is shaped around the common activities of Education, Advocacy and Research.

Effort I | The Responsible Leadership Commitment

A global call to action that is the first of its kind, created for companies, institutions, spiritual organizations, as well as governments to frame their operational strategies and implement their policies around the principles of responsible leadership.

Education: The Centre will use the Responsible Leaders Commitment to educate leading and influential stakeholders on the virtues of responsible leadership. We will work with companies, organizations, educational institutions, and others to shape their missions around the RLC's ideals, and form actionable strategies that reflect the spirit of responsible leadership.

Advocacy: The Centre will engage with the world's leading companies, institutions, religious organizations, and other influential bodies to secure as many commitments as possible, and build a publicly available database of all groups and affiliations that vow to adhere to the RLC.

Research: The Centre will continue to provide cutting-edge research into successful responsible leadership strategies, so that it can engage organizations on tailoring their responsible leadership commitments to fit the highly specified circumstances of their industries, religious orientations, and political affiliations.

Effort II | The Responsible Leadership Roadmap (RLR)

The Centre will collect detailed reports from our partners on the ways in which each of them infused responsible leadership into their

policies and programs over the course of this year. These examples will then be harmonized into a comprehensive agenda of best practices on how to shape the culture of a company, institution, or government agency around responsible leadership. The Responsible Leadership Roadmap will be published early next year to serve as a working manual for companies, institutions, government agencies, and other entities that are committed to leading responsibly.

Education: The Centre will use the RLR to provide a blueprint for those who wish to infuse responsible leadership into their organizational culture. The Centre will also conduct outreach to business schools, political science departments, and theological institutions to further develop the responsible leadership element of key curricula.

Advocacy: The RLR is more than a manual. It is a manifesto that shapes the Centre's overarching advocacy objectives and highly specified advocacy activities. The Centre will use the RLR to promote partnerships at the national, industry, and faith-based levels to embed the principles of responsible leadership in established disciplines and to promote a broader embrace of responsible leadership as a key organizational principle.

Research: Research forms the core of the RLR. It is a data-driven and results-oriented product that puts science first - not ideology. The RLR focuses on amalgamating the very best in proven success paths, establishing the commonalities and key success factors to any transformative process of responsible leadership, and making these adaptable as core lessons for our advocacy and educational efforts.

Effort III | The Responsible Leadership Steering Committee (RLSC)

The CRL will create a Steering Committee to advance our educational, advocacy, and research efforts, all designed to translate the principles of responsible leadership into action. The Committee will incorporate policies and practices derived from the five solution sessions at the inaugural Responsible Leaders Summit: restoring civility to public discourse, addressing economic inequality, safeguarding our planet, uniting the faithful, and ensuring gender equality. The committee will convene by the end of Summer 2019.

Education: The RLSC will serve as the spear of the Centre's efforts to educate on responsible leadership, as we engage at high levels with companies, governments, religious bodies, and other groups to guide them in their efforts to incorporate responsible leadership into the core of their organizational structures.

Advocacy: Members of the Committee will serve as high-level, influential champions of responsible leadership. Their personal and professional experiences will function as embodiments of the Centre's mission and our work to advance the lessons of the inaugural Summit. They will also help attract new and broader support, engagement, participation, and interaction with prominent actors across the five focus areas.

Research: The RLSC will drive the research efforts of the Centre by providing key reporting from the field on the success levels of responsible leadership education and advocacy efforts. Their feedback, analysis, and counsel will inform the development of the Centre's educational and advocacy efforts, and help define how the RLC and RLR can most effectively drive change.



The Final Word

Responsible Leadership must include self-assessment and it would be remiss of us if we did not close with a final word about how we can improve.

Undoubtedly, we have established a strong foundation to mainstream Responsible Leadership into our leading corporate, political, spiritual and institutional bodies. But we know the firmest of foundations are created with education, and that is where our greatest energies must be expended.

At the inaugural Responsible Leaders Summit, the conversation turned time and time again to the critical role of education in shaping our leaders of tomorrow, and in creating a more peaceful, prosperous and just world for all.

How do we do that? It is a question we aspire to answer in our comprehensive Action Plan for 2020. The blueprint of our activities includes ambitious education, advocacy and research goals to build awareness of what constitutes Responsible Leadership, secure greater commitments from leading institutions and formulate actionable plans for success.

Yet we need to do more in the coming year and in the years to follow, primarily to embed education at the core of our very mission.

This mission must include the appropriate strategies and toolkits to teach leadership as an essential element of our education of the youth. As it should entail a mechanism in which the responsible leaders of the world can impart the lessons of their wisdom and experience in direct, measurable and tangible ways to those less fortunate.

Mentoring must be part of the equation. We must all get our fingers dirty in the hardscrabble, nitty gritty work of giving form to Responsible Leadership. We need to be teaching individuals at all walks of life how they, too, can become leaders who can have a positive impact on the world in which they live. And become leaders worthy of the signifier "responsible."

As we all witnessed on that august day a few weeks ago in the UN's Economic and Social Council Chamber, it is almost an exercise in futility to try to cram all that comprises Responsible Leadership into a one-day, thought-and-action agenda. There is so much left to cover as we build the broadest, most inclusive and comprehensive platform for our change we can.

This is the lifeblood of the Centre for Responsible Leadership and we vow to never waver in our quest to pursue the good, the right and the just for a better tomorrow.

Next year, we will address the education aspect with a renewed vigor. And we will broaden and deepen the horizons of Responsible Leadership to make the platform that much more diverse, the agenda that much more actionable and the results that much more palpable for the people around the world who so desperately need real and Responsible Leadership.

Stay engaged!

The Centre for Responsible Leadership

