

# **Press Releases: On President Trump's Address to the UN General Assembly**

Press Statement  
Rex W. Tillerson

Secretary of State

Washington, DC  
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Today, President Donald J. Trump presented to assembled world leaders his vision of security, prosperity and peace led by sovereign nations. That vision requires a recommitment to the founding principles of the United Nations – to promote peace in troubled times. The President has clearly illuminated the challenges facing the community of nations, including those posed by DPRK, Iran, and Venezuela. As stated by the President, the world needs a renewed and reformed United Nations to tackle these great challenges.

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# **Press Releases: Secretary Tillerson's Call With Burmese State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi**

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The below is attributable to Spokesperson Heather Nauert:

Secretary Tillerson called Burmese State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi on September 19, to discuss the humanitarian crisis in Burma's Rakhine State. The Secretary welcomed the Burmese government's commitment to end the violence in Rakhine State and to allow those displaced by the violence to return home. He also urged the Burmese government and military to facilitate humanitarian aid for displaced people in the affected areas, and to address deeply troubling allegations of human rights abuses and violations.

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## **[Press Releases: UVA Darden School, Concordia and U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Partnerships Announce Sanitation Marketing Systems in Bangladesh as Winner of 2017 P3 Impact Award](#)**

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[The University of Virginia Darden School of Business](#) Institute for Business in Society, Concordia and the [U.S. Department of State's Office of Global Partnerships](#) is pleased to announce during the 2017 Concordia Summit in New York City today, the winner of the fourth annual [P3 Impact Award: \*Sanitation Marketing Systems in Bangladesh\*](#).

A model public-private partnership (P3) between the Bangladesh Department of Public Health Engineering (DPHE), the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), UNICEF, iDE, and Rangpur Foundry Ltd. (RFL), the partnership seeks to strengthen the sanitation system in Bangladesh and prevent the spread of disease by facilitating scalable, sustainable access to improved sanitation.

The partnership has, as of June 2017, trained 340 latrine producers – 32 percent of whom are women – who sold over 37,000 improved latrines. Long-term social and economic impacts include improved health and wages saved from avoiding illness, as well as increased skills and employment for latrine producers.

*Sanitation Marketing Systems in Bangladesh* and four award finalists were featured in a special edition P3 Impact Award article series within the Darden School's thought-leadership publication, [Darden Ideas to Action](#). The series features leading practices and actionable insights from the winner and finalists. It will also continue to be used to develop teaching cases and other materials to share and advance best practices with other public-private partnerships around the world. In addition, *Sanitation Marketing Systems in Bangladesh* will receive a full scholarship to attend a week-long Darden Executive Education course.

The 2017 award finalists included: [The Accenture and Upwardly Global Partnership](#), [CARE-Cargill Partnership: Nourishing the Future in Central America](#), [Goldman Sachs 10,000 Women](#), and [Partnering for Poultry](#).

For further information, please contact the Office of Global Partnerships at [partnerships@state.gov](mailto:partnerships@state.gov) or visit <http://www.state.gov/s/partnerships/>. For media inquiries, please contact Anita Ostrovsky at [ostrovskya@state.gov](mailto:ostrovskya@state.gov).

Follow [@GPatState](#), [@IBiS\\_Darden](#), [@ConcordiaSummit](#), and [#P3Impact](#) on Twitter for updates.

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# [Press Releases: 100 International Women Leaders in STEM Connect in Silicon Valley for TechWomen 2017](#)

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One hundred women leaders in the science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields from Africa, the Middle East and South and Central Asia arrived in the United States this week for the U.S. Department of State's [TechWomen 2017 exchange program](#). Through mentorships with U.S. women leaders in STEM fields, the TechWomen participants will gain access and opportunities needed to strengthen business ties and build stronger professional networks around the world. Upon their return home, participants will encourage more women and girls to pursue careers in science and technology.

The TechWomen participants will spend five weeks collaborating with over 30 U.S. private sector companies in the San Francisco Bay Area and Silicon Valley before their program closes in Washington, D.C. Each mentorship group will create a mutually beneficial project related to their expertise, interests and the needs of the host company. Participants will return home to join other program alumnae and select visiting American mentors to implement their action plans and conduct workshops to share their insights with more women and girls.

In San Francisco, media are invited to attend an opening event for the TechWomen at Juniper Networks on September 19, a Pitch Event at Microsoft on October 13, and a Community Celebration at Twitter on October 16. The closing lunch at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., on October 20 will also be open to the press. To RSVP to these events and for inquiries, please contact [ECA-Press@state.gov](mailto:ECA-Press@state.gov). Join the conversations on Twitter at #TechWomen17.

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## **Press Releases: St. Kitts and Nevis Independence Day Message**

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On behalf of the United States we offer our best wishes to the people of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis as you celebrate 34 years of independence.

The United States is proud to be a longstanding partner and friend to the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis. Our history of collaboration on citizen security, energy, and economic development has been beneficial for both of our nations.

We wish your people a speedy recovery in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma, and look forward to strengthening our partnership in the years ahead.

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