



**Citizens for
Global Solutions**

**Partners for Global Change
September/October 2008 Toolkit**

Material for Partners Nationwide Teleconference
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- *Participants should dial in 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time.*
- *When dialing in, the host and participants should hold the line for an operator.*
- *Participants will verbally give their pass code to the operator.*
- *All hosts should identify themselves accordingly to the operator when they dial in.*
- *Operators will take the city, state, and number of people in the room and place them into the Main Conference.*

Speakers

- Don Kraus, CEO, Citizens for Global Solutions
- Will Davis, Director, United Nations Information Center, Washington DC
- Richie Thelen, Administrative & Government Relations Assistant, Citizens for Global Solutions

Call Agenda

- Introduction & opening remarks and policy update from Don Kraus
- The 63rd United Nations General Assembly - Will Davis, the director of the United Nations Information Center in Washington DC discuss the GA's current agenda. What role can the U.N. play in quelling the violence and human rights abuses in Darfur, Somalia, Georgia, Burma and elsewhere? Is there any possibility of significant Security Council reform in the near future? Mr. Davis will touch on these and other question you may have.
- Question & Answer Session
- Citizens for Global Solutions, Partners, and the 2008 Elections
 - National Party Platforms
 - Global Solutions PAC
 - September/October Partners Project
- Question & Answer Session

September/October Partners Projects

- The November Congressional Elections - Global Solutions Commitment

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Don Kraus

Don Kraus is the Chief Executive Officer of Citizens for Global Solutions and co-chair of the Partnership for Effective Peacekeeping (PEP), an NGO working group. Previously, Don served as the Executive Vice President at Citizens for Global Solutions, where he directed the Government Relations Department and the Political Action Committee. He has also served as the Executive Director of the Campaign for UN Reform (CUNR) and its affiliated political action committee, CUNR PAC. An expert in building U.S. legislative and government support for the UN, Don brings his considerable enthusiasm and drive to lobbying and electioneering.

Don compiles the [Global Solution Report Card](#), an annual assessment of congressional voting records. He has been quoted in the *NY Times*, the *Washington Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Boston Globe*, and many other publications. He has been interviewed on CNN, BBC, NPR, and many other radio and TV shows.

Don is also the past president emeritus of the Center for UN Reform Education, a UN reform think tank. He currently serves on the advisory board of the United Nations Association, National Capitol Area.

Will Davis

Will Davis is currently the Director of the United [Nations Information Center](#) in Washington, D.C. Before joining the United Nations, Mr. Davis was the Director for Global and Functional Affairs in the State Department's Bureau of Legislative Affairs. He was also the Department's senior legislative adviser on relations with Congress regarding the Secretary of State's Office of Reconstruction and Stabilization.

From 2001 to 2004, Mr. Davis was the Deputy Head of the Public Affairs Division for the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), an international organization based in Paris, France. Mr. Davis served as the OECD's main liaison with the private sector, organized labor, non-governmental organizations, and parliamentarians. From 1998-2001, Mr. Davis was the Head of Center for Public Affairs of the OECD's Washington Office, responsible for all aspects of the OECD's outreach in the United States and Canada.

From 1990-1998, Mr. Davis served in the State Department's Bureau of Legislative Affairs and on the White House's National Security Council (NSC) staff. At the State Department, Mr. Davis became expert on the annual budget and appropriations process, particularly with respect to funding for foreign assistance. At the NSC, he worked closely with the President's National Security Adviser and other senior White House and Administration officials, coordinating legislative strategy on major foreign policy matters, such as funding for international affairs programs, trade and sanctions issues, peacekeeping, and counter-narcotics activities.

Mr. Davis' other government service includes tenure as a Presidential Management Intern in the White House Office of Administration, as well as assignments with the U.S. Department of Treasury and the U.S. Department of Defense.

Mr. Davis graduated cum laude from Duke University with a Bachelor's degree in Political Science. He subsequently earned a Master's Degree in Public Policy Studies, also from Duke University. He is married with two children and resides in Bethesda, MD.

Richie Thelen

Richie is the Administrative & Government Relations Assistant at Citizens for Global Solutions. A recent graduate of Western Michigan University, Richie began as an intern at Citizens for Global Solutions in April 2008. He has since worked closely with the Government Relations department and the Political Action Committee helping to engage and educate candidates throughout the election season. Richie previously interned for State of Michigan Representative Paul Condino in 2003.

Richie graduated with a BA in Comparative Politics and International Relations in July 2008.

BACKGROUND INFO

United Nations

The United Nations was established, in the aftermath of a devastating war, to help stabilize international relations and give peace a more secure foundation.

Amid the threat of nuclear war and seemingly endless regional conflicts, peacekeeping has become an overriding concern of the United Nations, and the activities of the blue-helmeted peacekeepers have emerged as among the most visible.

But the United Nations is much more than a peacekeeper and a forum for conflict resolution. Often without attracting attention, the UN and its family of agencies are engaged in a vast array of work that seeks to improve people's lives around the world.

Child survival and development. Environmental protection. Human rights. Health and medical research. Alleviation of poverty and economic development. Agricultural development and fisheries. Education. Advancement of women. Emergency and disaster relief. Air and sea travel. Peaceful uses of atomic energy. Workers' rights. The list goes on.

Links for more information on the United Nations:

- Visit the [United Nations Home Page](#) to learn about current events taking place with the United Nations as well as an overview about its structure, current policies, and much more.
- Information on the U.N.'s General Assembly is at <http://www.un.org/ga/>
- *Sixty Ways the U.N. Makes a Difference:*
http://www.globalsolutions.org/files/general/60ways_UN.pdf

- Current information on U.N. reform: <http://www.centerforunreform.org/>

2008 Elections

The November elections are almost here. So much has been said about the historic Presidential race, but there are many exciting races going on in the House and Senate. As in 2006, we are looking at a slew of retirements and at-risk seats. Change is at hand. Global leaders are ascendant in both chambers. We have fantastic incumbents and a stellar group of challengers. This is the third election cycle since we renamed ourselves Citizens for Global Solutions, and each cycle gets more competitive and more exciting.

Global Solutions PAC has been very active this election season in hunting out globally minded candidates to support as they make their bid for national office. To date Global Solutions PAC has endorsed 172 candidates in the 2008 campaign season, with 150 incumbents and 22 challengers. It has done extensive work to seek out globally minded challenger candidates, candidate, sending out over 200 candidate questionnaires to campaigns all over the country. The PAC has contributed \$41,675 so far this cycle.

For more information on candidates we've supported and election analysis, visit our website at www.globalsolutions.org/politics/elections_and_candidates. You can see our endorsed candidates, returned candidate questionnaires and to whom we made contributions. You can also download the candidate questionnaire. A comparison of major party platforms can be found at http://www.globalsolutions.org/files/general/Global_Issues_Platform_Table.pdf

Special Thanks for Letters to the Editor

Congratulations and special thanks to those of you who letters to the editor about the International Criminal Court published as part of our July August project:

- Lee Davis of Orono, Maine was published on September 5th in the *Bangor Daily News* for her piece on changing U.S. national priorities to peace and justice.
- Richard Trenholm from Greenfield, Massachusetts, was published in both Springfield's *The Republican* for his letter advocating the Law of the Sea Treaty and in Greenfield's *The Recorder* for his letter on the International Criminal Court.
- Vivian McQuoid of Whitewater, WI had a couple letters advocating for the International Criminal Court published on July 25th and August 24th in the *Jefferson Daily Union* in Fort Atkinson, WI.
- Eileen Kennedy of Portland, Oregon had her LTE on the International Criminal Court published in the *Catholic Sentinel* on August 15, 2008. She also had another letter advocating for the ICC in response to an editorial on Darfur published on July 22nd in *The Oregonian*.

The November Congressional Elections - Global Solutions Commitment Partners project material – September/October 2008

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Our candidates are serious about changing the way the U.S. engages the world. They want to work with the International Criminal Court, fund the United Nations, meet the challenge of climate change head-on, and stop building new nuclear weapons. They are at the vanguard of helping to build peace, justice and freedom in a democratically governed world.

Some shining challengers in the House are Marty Heinrich of New Mexico, Eric Massa of New York, Tom Perriello of Virginia, Jill Morgenthaler of Illinois and Darcy Burner of Washington state. The Senate contenders this fall look like the next class of global leaders, from Tom and Mark Udall in New Mexico and Colorado, respectively, to Jeff Merkley in Oregon and Al Franken in Minnesota to Jeanne Shaheen in New Hampshire and Tom Allen in Maine.

There are also many global leaders in Congress now and we'd like to keep them there. Some of these leaders in the House are Jim McGovern (MA-03), Betty McCollum (MN-04), Emanuel Cleaver (MO-05), Betty Sutton (OH-13), Russ Carnahan (MO-03), Allyson Schwartz (PA 13) and Chris Smith (NJ-04). In the Senate, we have Dick Durbin (IL), Joe Biden (DE) and Jack Reed (RI).

For more information on candidates we've supported and election analysis, visit our website at www.globalsolutions.org/politics/elections_and_candidates. You can see our endorsed candidates, returned candidate questionnaires and to whom we made contributions.

Two years ago, we created the Global Solutions Commitment. This was a commitment between you and our endorsed candidates. We asked you to do one or more of the following activities for the Senators we'd endorsed in your state or an endorsed Member of the House of Representatives.

- Host a coffee for the candidate to discuss a more cooperative U.S. foreign policy
- Host a "house party" fundraiser for the candidate
- Volunteer to help out the campaign, e.g. via working at a campaign office, knocking on doors, making telephone calls, or other volunteer campaign activities

We'd like to bring this successful commitment back again.

Now, a commitment requires two parties. The other party is the candidate. What we'd like you to do is ask them if, in return for doing one or more of the above activities, the candidate will pledge to have a photo taken of you and him/her. Also, we'd like you to ask the

candidate to thank Citizens for Global Solutions during his/her election night speech. It doesn't have to be a five-minute thank you, but if s/he can mention Citizens for Global Solutions as one of the many organizations that helped their election effort, that would be phenomenal.

So, what are the actual steps? I'd say it's pretty simple:

- Go to our website to see if there is an endorsed candidate for your state or district.
- If there is, and there likely will be someone in your Partners group with a connection to an endorsed candidate, then choose an activity from the above list that best suits your abilities and desires to help out a campaign.
- Contact the campaign and ask to talk with their community outreach / public affairs / field director. Tell them who you are, that you're a member of Citizens for Global Solutions, and that we've endorsed their candidacy for the House or Senate.
- Tell the campaign about our Global Solutions Commitment and see if the campaign is will participate.
- Do one of the activities, get the photo (preferably using a digital camera), and send the photo in to the National Office.

Candidates love potential voters. You, our Partners in the field, are the most important people to candidates. We at the National Office can endorse candidates and support their races from DC, but it's real people like you, in their states and districts, that drive the democratic process in this country and motivate candidates. We're hoping to win big this fall, winning big for a better world: a better U.S. foreign policy, a better environment, and more justice throughout the world. We want to work with these candidates when they're elected and your efforts in the field build that relationship for you and for us.

If you need suggestions from our national staff to organize one of these activities, contact Richie Thelen at rthelen@globalsolutions.org.

Thank you!

Monthly Report of Your Accomplishments for September/October

Chapter _____ Leader _____

What is your chapter working on? How are your events and meetings going?

Did you carry out the September/October project?

Have you worked on any other past Partner's Projects in the last two months?

If so, what did you like about the projects and what didn't you like?

Do you feel this project made a difference?

Is there anything the national office can help you with?

Have you written any LTEs? Were they printed?

*****Please remember that you don't have to do ALL of the projects, but please do let me know about which ones you have chosen to work on.*****

Letters to the editor and op-eds *(Please note them here even if you are enclosing copies)*

Total Submitted	Total Printed	Type: LTE, op-ed	Topic	Written By	Paper	Date Ran	It
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Other Political or Media Activities Your Chapter Engaged In:

Use another sheet if necessary to continue your report. Please detach and return to Richie Thelen by November 3th so your accomplishments can be published in the next mailing.

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