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GLOBAL CHALLENGES ROUNDTABLES ANNOUNCED

[WASHINGTON, D.C., DECEMBER 13, 2010] Members of the International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) and the Association for International Education Administrators (AIEA) will discuss university and student contributions to addressing global challenges during a special afternoon Symposium to be held at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco, California on February 23, 2011.

The Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) focus areas will provide the framework for interactive small group discussions: **Education, Environment and Climate Change, Peace and Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, and Public Health.** “As a member of CGI U, the ISEP Network is committed to expanding global engagement opportunities for students and faculty around these issues,” said Mary Anne Grant, President and CEO of ISEP. “By collaborating with AIEA, the 2011 Symposium provides a venue for senior-level international education administrators, faculty, study abroad and international student advisors to discuss and explore concrete ways of addressing global issues and preparing students to live and work in a global society.”

ISEP and AIEA have a strong overlapping membership of more than 400 universities that are providing academic knowledge, values, and skills to the next generation of leaders to help solve these critical world issues. “Our members are not just professionally involved in these issues but are personally passionate about them as well,” stated Dr. Susan Buck Sutton, Associate Vice Chancellor of International Affairs at Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis and AIEA Conference Chair. “They are eager to share their interests not only with each other, but also with the students with whom they interact on a daily basis.”

Following a keynote presentation by Keisha Senter, Director of the Clinton Global Initiative University, and a panel of university students, Symposium attendees will choose from among five themed sessions for roundtable discussions. Prior to the attendees engaging in small group discussions, each breakout will showcase university projects and collaboration efforts. Participants will reconvene at the end of the day to report the highlights of their discussions.

Details regarding the ISEP Symposium are available on the Symposium website:
<http://attendesource.com/profile/web/index.cfm?PKwebID=0x1508766ef&varPage=home>

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About the ISEP Network (www.isep.org)

Founded in 1979, the International Student Exchange Programs (ISEP) is a network of over 300 colleges and universities in 43 countries cooperating to provide affordable access to international education for a diverse student population. ISEP students gain intercultural competence through integration into their host institution and host culture while exploring the international dimensions of their academic field. Over 37,000 students have participated in ISEP programs. The ISEP Network also serves as a resource for collaboration in campus internationalization, including the development of programs and services for faculty, experiential learning, and community building. ISEP is committed to exploring ways that the network can come together to address global issues in specific and concrete ways.

About AIEA (www.aieaworld.org)

Founded in 1982, the Association of International Education Administrators (AIEA) is a professional membership organization composed of institutional leaders representing over 200 institutions engaged in advancing the international dimensions of higher education. AIEA provides opportunities for members to join forces, exchange ideas, share institutional strategies, and provide an effective voice on matters of public policy through various means, including workshops, meetings and a scholarly journal.

About CGI U (www.cgiu.org)

The Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) annually brings together and engages student leaders from around the world to make a difference in CGI U's five global challenge areas: Education, Environment & Climate Change, Peace & Human Rights, Poverty Alleviation, and Public Health. CGI U young leaders take real, concrete steps toward solving the world's challenges. Throughout the year, and as a prerequisite of attending the CGIU annual meeting, students, youth directors, and university officials develop a specific plan of action that addresses a pressing challenge on their campus, in their community, or in a different part of the world.

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