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Dinner Served

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David H. Barron, Master of Ceremonies

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Keynote Address

Peter A. Seligmann
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Presentation of ICCF Lifetime Achievement Award

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Presentation of ICCF “Good Steward” Award recognizes outstanding individual leadership in conservation. We are pleased to present this award to actor and philanthropist Ed Norton in honor of his personal commitment to conservation. Mr. Norton developed the idea for BP’s Solar Neighbors Program, which provides solar power systems to low-income families—a program that he currently heads. He is the narrator of a series produced by National Geographic that addresses issues such as overfishing and how the battle to save the planet transcends traditional boundaries such as political affiliation and national borders. He also actively supports The Nature Conservancy, the Grand Canyon Trust, the Wilderness Society, and Earthjustice.

The ICCF Conservation Leadership in Business Award honors leaders who use business to inspire solutions to environmental crises. The ICCF is pleased to recognize DuPont as a world leader in corporate environmental policy and practices and a corporation at the forefront of scientific research into new sustainability methods. Accepting the award on behalf of DuPont is Chad Holliday, Chairman of the Board and CEO. DuPont has been recognized by Business Week and the Climate Group as the world’s “Top Green Leader” and is a founding member of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development. DuPont is currently engaged in the United States Climate Action Partnership, the Global Roundtable on Climate Change, the UN Global Compact, EPA Climate Leaders, EPA Power Partnership, EPA Energy Star, and the Pew Center on Global Climate Change, among others.

Mr. Holliday has been Chief Executive Officer of DuPont since 1998. He is chairman of the Business Roundtable’s Task Force for Environment, Technology and Economy and is also past chairman of the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), The Business Council, and the Society of Chemical Industry – American Section. While chairman of the WBCSD, Mr. Holliday co-authored a book Walking the Talk which details the business case for sustainable development and corporate responsibility.

The ICCF Lifetime Achievement Award recognizes individuals who have demonstrated a life-long commitment to environmental preservation and restoration. Magalen O. “Maggie” Bryant is an inspirational conservation leader who has, through pro-active personal support and tireless efforts, made a positive impact on our natural world. Maggie has served on the Boards of the WILD Foundation, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (Chairperson), and the National Wildlife Federation. She is the recipient of the Chevron Conservation Award and the Mississippi Governor’s Award for Conservation and is the founder of Tara Wildlife.
Mission:
To educate U.S. policymakers and the world’s political and business leaders on the vital links between good natural resource management and sustainable economic development, poverty alleviation, and regional security.

We Believe:
Conservation is integral to sustainable development, and sound stewardship of natural resources is fundamental to poverty alleviation, conflict avoidance, good governance, and regional security. It is in America’s interest to expand its leadership in the world to promote sound long-term policies of good management of land, water, and biodiversity.

Objectives:
Unite U.S. policymakers with other government, business, and NGO leaders to stimulate debate and encourage nonpartisan solutions to conservation challenges. Recognize the achievements of policymakers and private sector leaders and thereby inspire others to learn and act. Educate policymakers and leaders in the private sector through science, models of successful public-private partnerships in conservation, and field missions.

ICCF works with the leadership of the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus, which comprises more than one-third of the U.S. House of Representatives and a growing number in the U.S. Senate, to identify conservation concerns and generate the broadest audience for ICCF educational programs.

ICCF’s Conservation Council is the strongest association of U.S. public and private sector representatives dedicated to international conservation. Council members represent NGOs, corporations, and government entities, and possess diverse experience and skill sets. These corporations and NGOs share a common mission to implement conservation projects safeguarding wildlife and biodiversity, protecting and restoring habitat, and generating economic opportunities and social benefits for surrounding communities who are necessarily the long-term stewards of local natural resources.
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Christian Ziegler is a photojournalist specializing in natural history and science-related topics. Christian is associate for communication with the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute (STRI) in Panama. His book, “A Magic Web,” was named the best biology book by the American Association of Publishers. Christian’s work is frequently seen in magazines such as National Geographic, GEO, Smithsonian, BBC Wildlife, National Wildlife, and others. He also works in educational projects with museums and environmental groups such as the WWF, CI and others. His work has been awarded several international prizes, including BBC Wildlife photographer of the year and the GDT European Wildlife Photographer of the Year. He is a founding fellow of the ILCP.