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U.S. CONGRESSIONAL INAUGURATION GALA

Celebrating the Inauguration of
President Donald J. Trump and First Lady Mrs. Melania Trump &
Vice President Michael R. Pence and Mrs. Karen Pence

Thursday, January 19, 2017

Andrew W. Mellon Auditorium, Washington, D.C.

Gala Chairman
Theodore “Ted” Roosevelt IV

Co-Chairs
Bo Derek | Luciana & Robert Duvall | Ian Somerhalder
IT IS MY GREAT PLEASURE to welcome you to ICCF’s 2017 U.S. Congressional International Conservation Inauguration Gala. This evening we are proud to honor the United States’ long legacy of leadership in international conservation, as well as to celebrate the Inauguration of the 45th President of the United States and the convening of the 115th Congress.

There are four fundamental elements of good natural resource management, and the United States is a world leader in each of these areas: a well-managed system of natural parks and protected areas, strong political will, good natural resource management laws, and effective enforcement. The United States has tremendous expertise in the management of national parks and protected areas, boasting the oldest and largest natural resource management agency in the world, the Department of Interior. U.S. Presidents and the U.S. Congress throughout the years have demonstrated support for conservation by passing carefully crafted laws and policies and by appropriating funds for international and domestic conservation of forests, wildlife, oceans, and other natural resources.

The 114th Congress, with leadership from the International Conservation Caucus and the Oceans Caucus, has passed two key pieces of legislation: the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act and the Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated (IUU) Fishing Enforcement Act of 2015.

In addition, the U.S. is sharing its conservation experience and expertise with policymakers and parks managers around the world by building political will and conservation coalitions among policymakers, educating law enforcement personnel and members of the judiciary, and assisting parks personnel in developing comprehensive plans for the management of parks and protected areas. ICCF is proud to support conservation caucuses in 13 countries, where we are supporting policymakers and helping to address each country’s specific conservation and development challenges.

As we welcome a new President, Administration, and Congress, we look forward to continuing to collaborate with our partners to educate American policymakers about the importance of international conservation to U.S. interests so that they might continue the long, proud legacy of those who have come before them.

John B. Gantt, Jr.
President
Gala Program

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John B. Gantt, Jr., President, ICCF

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The Honorable John Tanner

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U.S. House of Representatives

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SHELDON WHITEHOUSE
The U.S. Congressional Oceans Caucus

THE HONORABLE CONNIE MACK, IV, CHAIRMAN,
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RECOGNITION OF ICC CO-CHAIRS AND PARLIAMENTARY CAUCUS CO-CHAIRS

CLOSING REMARKS AND TOAST
David H. Barron, Founder, ICCF
What sets ICCF apart is its niche as the premier organization building political will and driving conservation governance in the United States and internationally. Conservation governance is an often overlooked component of conservation; it is essential, however, because policymakers around the world have such an extraordinary impact on the design and implementation of laws and policies that govern the development and conservation of their countries’ natural resources. It is imperative that leaders understand the link between conservation and economic development, poverty alleviation, conflict avoidance, and food and freshwater security.

Policymakers are often overwhelmed by the scope of issues that they must understand and address. ICCF, through its caucus model, brings conservation issues to the forefront of leaders’ attention, helps them to recognize that international conservation is directly linked to many other high-priority issues that affect us all, inspires them to take action, and provides education and expertise to facilitate informed conservation decisions. Armed with this knowledge, the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus continues to demonstrate outstanding conservation leadership...as it has for more than a decade.

ICCF is now exporting this effective caucus model to countries around the globe, building political support for good natural resource management, inspiring improved conservation governance within and among countries on several continents, and educating policymakers to facilitate informed conservation decisions. ICCF, through our International Conservation Corps, is also advancing conservation leadership by sharing U.S. technical expertise with members of the judiciary, security and law enforcement officials, and park managers in partner countries worldwide.

“...To waste, destroy, our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it as to its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them amplified and developed.”

PRESIDENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT
Highlighted Achievements of the Past 10 Years

ICCF U.S.
Working with the leadership of the International Conservation Caucus:
• Significantly increased overall funding for conservation
• Passage and implementation of the Congo Basin Forest Partnership Act
• Tropical Forest Conservation Act Reauthorization
• Multinational Species Conservation Funds Semipostal Stamp Act and Reauthorization
• Lacy Act Amendments to Ban Illegal Timber Imports
• The Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act

OCEANS CAUCUS FOUNDATION
Working with the leadership of the Oceans Caucus:
• Passage into law of The Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act
• U.S. Senate Oceans Caucus leadership was instrumental in the ratification of the following treaties:
  • The Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (PSMA)
  • The Convention on Future Multilateral Cooperation in the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries
  • The Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fishery Resources in the South Pacific Ocean
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THE ICCF GROUP IN AFRICA
• Regional: Arusha Declaration on Regional Conservation and Combating Wildlife/Environmental Crime, signed by eight countries in East and southern Africa to strengthen transborder collaboration on combating wildlife/environmental crime and advancing conservation
• Regional: Signing of the bilateral Agreement on the Coordinated Conservation and Management of the Miombo/Mopane Woodland Ecosystem between the governments of Tanzania and Zambia
• Regional: Signing of the bilateral Agreement on the Coordinated Conservation and Management of the Niassa-Selous Ecosystem between the governments of Tanzania and Mozambique
• Kenya: Passage of increased penalties for wildlife crime in Kenya’s Wildlife Conservation and Management Act of 2013, and formation of Parliamentary sub-committee to investigate poaching and wildlife trafficking in Kenya
• Malawi: Development and passage of amendments to the Malawi Wildlife and National Parks Act, increasing the maximum sentence to 30 years’ jail time for wildlife crime against protected species, including elephants
• Mozambique: Development and passage of amendments to Mozambique’s Conservation Law of 2014, raising penalties on wildlife traffickers to enable a crackdown on high-level wildlife criminal networks

THE ICCF GROUP IN LATIN AMERICA
• Strengthening of the management capacity of Colombia’s national park system, especially regarding the ability to sustainably support increased tourism to bring much-needed jobs to rural communities
• Passage through the Colombian Congress and entry into law of a strengthened Police Code to fight use of mercury in illegal gold mining

INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CORPS
• Colombia: Brought about major improvements in institutional planning, commercial services, visitor outreach and education, training, stakeholder engagement, and strategic planning for the future of parks under the Peace Process
• Thailand: Improvement of the management and operations of Thailand’s premier national park, which may now be utilized as a regional learning platform
• Caribbean: Improved management and financial sustainability of national parks in Jamaica and Haiti
• Caribbean: Strengthened capacity of the government of the Bahamas to manage its forests; development of detailed plans to expand three national parks and create several new national parks
**ICCF & The U.S. Congressional ICC**

**Educating Policymakers and Championing Bipartisanship**
- ICCF acts as an informal secretariat to the leadership of the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus in the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, directly supporting caucus members with nonpartisan, well researched, and timely educational resources from an unmatched network of business and nonprofit leaders.
- Since 2004, ICCF has helped grow the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus to include one-third of the U.S. Congress. The inclusive nature of the caucus attracts membership from across the political spectrum, and the foundation’s pragmatic approach has made it a strong ally to the caucus.

**U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus**
- The U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus, the oldest and most developed conservation caucus in the world, benefits from the wealth of knowledge gained by U.S. conservation agencies such as the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. National Park Service over the past 100 years, as well as ICCF’s business and NGO partners. The American caucus continues to be inspired by the belief that the U.S. has the opportunity, the obligation, and the interests to advance the conservation of natural resources for this and future generations.

Thanks to outstanding leadership by the U.S. Congressional International Conservation Caucus, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives unanimously passed the Eliminate, Neutralize, and Disrupt (END) Wildlife Trafficking Act. The bipartisan legislation is designed to combat the growing wildlife trafficking crisis. Original sponsors include Chairman Ed Royce, Founding Co-Chair of the International Conservation Caucus and Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, and Representative Eliot Engel, Ranking Member and fellow International Conservation Caucus member. International Conservation Caucus members Senator Chris Coons and Senator Jeff Flake led efforts in the Senate.
Fostering Relationships to Enhance Bipartisan Policy Solutions That Protect Our Oceans, Our Coasts, and Our Economy

The Oceans Caucus Foundation (OCF) is an independent program within ICCF U.S. that advances U.S. leadership in international conservation by providing a platform to bring marine governance to the forefront of government leaders’ agendas.

Oceans cover 70% of the planet and directly impact economies and populations around the world, but oceans issues often get overshadowed by other economic and national security concerns. The OCF supports the leadership of the U.S. Congressional Oceans Caucus, educating members about the importance of oceans issues and solutions that protect oceans resources and the livelihoods that depend upon them.

The OCF works with its Oceans Council partners to build consensus, seek public/private partnerships to address oceans challenges, and educate Members of Congress and their staff through a series of briefings and workshops highlighting partners’ innovative approaches to marine issues. The OCF educational agenda is currently focused on the impact of marine debris and illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing on the global environment and economy.

With Oceans Caucus leadership, The Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing Enforcement Act was passed into law. The law enhances the enforcement authority of the U.S. Coast Guard and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to regulate illegal fishing. The bill also increases capacity for inspection, identification, and monitoring of illegal foreign vessels, amends several international agreements to incorporate civil and criminal penalties, and broadens data sharing authority with foreign governments in order to identify and penalize nations that do not comply with fisheries management regulations.
The ICCF Group’s International Conservation Corps

Many nations have placed large amounts of terrestrial and aquatic territory into public lands such as national parks, but often lack the human and institutional capacity needed to effectively manage these areas, which are meant to protect each nation’s most important natural assets. This lack of capacity is critical to address, because increased population growth and consumption of resources provide an ever increasing pressure on the natural resources that sustain us all.


International Conservation Corps experts work hand in hand with governmental and non-governmental partners in developing nations to achieve conservation priorities and develop institutional and human capacity. International Conservation Corps sets itself apart from other on-the-ground conservation models because it brings proven practical experience to bear through a responsive model that is both low-cost and scalable, yielding high outputs with relatively low inputs.

International Conservation Corps has operated for three years, deployed to projects in an array of countries including China, Kenya, Colombia, Thailand, the Bahamas, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Mongolia, and others. To date more than $1.2 million in services have been delivered by International Conservation Corps professionals.

International Conservation Corps programs include, among others:

- Partnering with USAID to strengthen the management capacity of Colombia’s national park system, especially improving the ability to sustainably support increased tourism to bring much-needed jobs to rural communities; developing a new institutional planning system; incorporating interpretation services at heavily visited parks; strengthening commercial services management; and developing a strategy for a new national training program
- Supporting the AMATA Foundation and Thailand’s national park system to improve the management and operations of Thailand’s premier national park, towards utilizing the park as a regional learning platform
- Improved management and financial sustainability of national parks in Jamaica and Haiti in collaboration with The Nature Conservancy
- Strengthened capacity of the government of the Bahamas to manage its forests, development of detailed plans to expand three national parks in the Bahamas, and creation of several new national parks
- Supporting the Paulson Institute’s work in China to establish a national park service and strengthen the resiliency of coastal wetlands
- Working in Kenya to support the Naibunga Conservancy, which provides critical habitat for some of the Earth’s most significant threatened and endangered wildlife species and is a lynchpin wildlife corridor, including a key migration route for elephants
International Conservation Corps projects are carried out by veterans of U.S. and Canadian agencies who are dedicated to providing technical and management support to on-the-ground conservation projects.

Where We Work

OFFICES
The ICCF Group has offices in Washington, Mexico City, Bogota, Nairobi, and Bangkok.

CAUCUS
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INTERNATIONAL CONSERVATION CORPS PROJECTS
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Masters of Ceremonies

HON. CONNIE MACK, M.C. (RET.)
Chairman, ICCF Colombia
Congressman Connie Mack, Chairman of ICCF Colombia, served as U.S. Representative for Florida’s 14th Congressional district from 2005 – 2013. He served on the Committee on Foreign Affairs, including the Subcommittee on the Middle East and South Asia and the Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, which he chaired. He also served on the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, including the Subcommittee on Government Organization, Efficiency, and Financial Management, for which he served as Vice Chair; the Subcommittee on Federal Workforce, U.S. Postal Service, and Labor Policy; and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Affairs, Stimulus Oversight, and Government Spending.

HON. JOHN TANNER, M.C. (RET.)
Chairman, ICCF Board of Directors
Congressman John Tanner, Chairman of the ICCF Board of Directors, represented Tennessee’s 8th congressional district for 22 years, serving from 1989 until 2011. While in Congress, Mr. Tanner served on the House Foreign Affairs Committee and the Ways and Means Committee, where he chaired both the Social Security Subcommittee and the Trade Subcommittee. He also served on the House Armed Services and House Science Committees and served as Chief Deputy Whip for the Democratic Congress in the 109th, 110th and 111th Congresses. He also chaired the U.S. House delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, the alliance’s legislative branch, for several years. In November 2008, legislators from all NATO member nations elected him to serve as President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly for two years.

JOHN B. GANTT, JR.
President, ICCF
John Gantt was a central figure in the establishment and development of the ICCF. He runs the day-to-day operations of the ICCF, managing the foundation’s programs and Congressional, donor, and partner relations. John has extensive experience on Capitol Hill and working with foreign governments and has supported development programs in both Africa and Latin America. He attended the Landon School in Bethesda, Maryland and Gordonstoun School in Scotland. He has a B.S. from Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service, an MSc from the London School of Economics, and an MBA from the University of Cambridge, where he concentrated in Finance.

DAVID H. BARRON
Chairman, The ICCF Group
David Barron, Chairman of The ICCF Group, is former Chairman of The Jefferson Educational Foundation and former Chairman of the Young Republican National Federation. During the Reagan Administration, he was a surrogate speaker for the President and a member of the White House Outreach Working Group on Central America and the White House Ad Hoc Working Group on South Africa. He is currently one of eight conservationists serving on the Advisory Council to the Presidential Task Force on Wildlife Trafficking.
Special Guests

THEODORE “TED” ROOSEVELT IV
Gala Chairman

Theodore “Ted” Roosevelt IV, great-grandson of President Teddy Roosevelt, is a Managing Director in Investment Banking at Barclays Capital, based in New York. Currently, he serves as Chairman of the firm’s Clean Tech Initiative and is a Co-Chair of Barclays Military Services Network.

Mr. Roosevelt is Board Chair of Strategies for the Global Environment, a member of the Governing Council of the Wilderness Society, and a Trustee for the American Museum of Natural History and The World Resources Institute. He is also Counselor for the China-U.S. Center for Sustainable Development and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, The Economic Club of New York, and a Governor of the Foreign Policy Association.

BO DEREK
Gala Co-Chair

Bo Derek is a Golden Globe-nominated film and television actress, producer, and model. Ms. Derek serves as special envoy of the Secretary of State for Wildlife Trafficking and serves on the boards of WildAid and the Galapagos Conservancy, Ecuador. She has served as Honorary Chairperson for the Department of Veterans Affairs’ National Rehabilitation Special Events, was named an Honorary Green Beret by the Special Forces Association, and was appointed by President George W. Bush to the Kennedy Center Board of Trustees. Ms. Derek is the recipient of the 2012 ICCF “Good Steward” Award and serves on the Board of Governors of The ICCF Group.

IAN SOMERHALDER
Gala Co-Chair, UNEP Goodwill Ambassador

Ian Somerhalder is an actor best known for his roles in the hit TV series “The Vampire Diaries” and the ABC critically acclaimed drama “Lost.” He has supported conservation causes for many years and, in 2010, launched the Ian Somerhalder Foundation (ISF). The foundation makes up a large part of Ian’s philanthropic work, distributing funds and resources towards global conservation and educational tools. In 2014, Ian was designated as a United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Goodwill Ambassador.

JOEL HOLTROP
International Conservation Corps Expert

Joel Holtrop, a key member of ICCF’s International Conservation Corps, served as the Deputy Chief of the National Forest System Deputy Area from March 2005 until October 2011. In this capacity, he oversaw the strategic and national program leadership for the 193-million-acre National Forest System of forests and grasslands located in 42 states and Puerto Rico. His natural resource management emphasis areas include ecosystem management, engineering, forest management, rangeland management, lands, minerals, geology management, recreation, heritage, wilderness, wild-scenic rivers management, watersheds, fish, wildlife, air, and rare plants. His distinguished Forest Service career spanned more than 34 years.
ICCF’S “GOOD STEWARD” AWARD

ICCF’s “Good Steward” Award is presented to recognize outstanding individual leadership in conservation. This year we are pleased to honor Julia Miranda Londoño, Mateus Mutemba, and Greg Carr with this award.

**Julia Miranda Londoño**

Since 2004, Dr. Julia Miranda Londoño has served as Director General of National Natural Parks of Colombia, a government entity in charge of the administration and management of Colombia’s System of National Natural Parks, which currently includes 59 protected areas. She has represented Colombia in various international events on the topic of national parks and other protected areas, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD). In 2009 she was appointed Regional Vice Chair for South America in the IUCN’s World Commission on Protected Areas, one of the most recognized environmental organizations in the world, and in November 2015 became its Deputy Chair.

She has received a number of prestigious national and international awards for her outstanding contribution to protected areas and her exceptional work and service towards conservation and protection of the natural and cultural heritage of Colombians. A lawyer specializing in environmental law, she has worked as a litigator and as an environmental law lecturer at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana.

**Mateus Mutemba**

Mateus Mutemba has served as Park Warden of Gorongosa National Park since 2011. He joined the Gorongosa Restoration Project in January 2008 as the Director of Community Relations, and also serves on the Board of the Gorongosa Restoration Project and as Vice President of the General Assembly of the Foundation for Biodiversity Conservation in Mozambique (Biofundo), representing the Gorongosa Restoration Project.

Mateus Mutemba graduated from University Eduardo Mondlane in Maputo, Mozambique and received a Master’s in Public Policy from the Australian National University in Canberra, Australia. He also earned a Graduate Diploma in Development Administration from the Australian National University and studied Protected Area Management at the University of Montana. He has traveled extensively throughout Southern Africa teaching about the community management of natural resources, with an emphasis on tourism.
Greg Carr

Greg Carr is the President of the Gorongosa Restoration Project in Mozambique, having signed a 20-year agreement with the Government of Mozambique in 2008 to restore and co-manage Gorongosa National Park. The Gorongosa management team has reintroduced buffaloes, wildebeests, and other species to the ecosystem, planted more than one million trees in the Mt. Gorongosa rainforest, and created the E.O. Wilson Laboratory, an international Restoration Ecology Science Research Center. Harvard, Princeton, Berkeley, Oxford, and other universities are active at the Laboratory.

Additionally, the restoration team reestablished ecotourism in the park, creating local employment and park income. The park’s Human Development Department provides health, education, and agricultural assistance to the local communities living near its borders. PBS and National Geographic premiered a six-hour series about the restoration of Gorongosa in September 2015. Greg Carr’s work has been featured on CBS’ “60 Minutes” and in the Smithsonian, New Yorker, Atlantic, and National Geographic magazines.

Greg Carr is also Co-Founder of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at Harvard University and of the Museum of Idaho. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation. He received a Master’s degree in Public Policy from Harvard University.
LET’S MOVE FORWARD
Innovation is the bedrock of the American economy, so we created Rocket Mortgage. With our completely online process, you can move forward with a custom mortgage solution in minutes. Driving a strong economic recovery starts with developing a robust housing market. It’s time for a better way.

Welcome
THE ICCF GROUP IS PLEASED TO WELCOME THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF ITS CONSERVATION COUNCIL:

- African Parks
- Alliance One International
- Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden
- Kelley Drye & Warren LLP
- Pelagic Data Systems
- Pike Electric
- Quicken Loans
- Shire
- Vulcan Inc.

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- Global Parks
- Government of The Bahamas
- Jamaica National Environment and Planning Agency
- Nabunga Conservancy
- National Association of Forest Service Retirees
- National Parks Rivers and Beaches Authority (St. Vincent and Grenadines)
- Ol Jogi
- Paulson Institute
- Public Lands Foundation
- Sabah Parks (Malaysia)
- Thailand Department of National Parks
- The Elders Council for Parks
- The Nature Conservancy
- United Nations Development Program
- United Nations Environment Program
- United States Agency for International Development
- United States Embassy in Mongolia
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
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