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Dear Friends:

Welcome to the second annual U.S. Congressional International Conservation Gala, hosted by the International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF). As chairman of the ICCF Board of Directors, I am honored to lead a phenomenal new U.S. coalition for international conservation.

Tonight we are making history. We have brought together some of the most dedicated conservationists among leaders in the United States Congress, the Administration, the business and nongovernmental organization (NGO) communities and individual philanthropists. As demonstrated by your presence here, passion for the ICCF mission is growing. We are expanding and diversifying our base of support and with it the scope and depth of ICCF's work.

Through its educational programs, ICCF holds great promise to succeed in achieving public and private sector consensus on policy initiatives that will make America a world leader in international conservation. ICCF approaches conservation as a means of alleviating poverty and achieving peace in developing countries – and a necessary facet of U.S. national security policy. Natural resources must be well-managed today in all countries to ensure stability and the economic prosperity to sustain future generations.

I am proud to announce that the International Conservation Caucus (ICC) has grown to over 140 Members in the U.S. House of Representatives, and is developing in the U.S. Senate. The ICCF Conservation Council of NGOs and corporations has grown to over 26 members, increasing opportunities to leverage policy with public-private partnerships in conservation.

Our Gala program this evening is sure to inspire an ever stronger conviction that bipartisanship, corporate stewardship, and the very best in conservation science and methodologies are the answer to increasing challenges to biodiversity and habitat protection around the world. Thank you for joining us this evening.

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### The ICCF Teddy Roosevelt® International Conservation Award

was established to recognize innovative leadership in conservation policy. ICCF is pleased to honor former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, Right Honourable Anthony C.M. Blair. He was the Labour Party's longest-serving Prime Minister, leading three consecutive general election victories. As Prime Minister, Tony Blair addressed some of the world's pressing conservation issues: overfishing and the need for marine protection, illegal forestry, and agricultural policy, among others. In 2001, Prime Minister Blair announced sectoral initiatives contributing to Great Britain's global leadership in conservation. The initiatives covered financial services, water, tourism, energy and forestry. Mr. Blair worked tirelessly to ensure mainstream UK financial services companies applied capital and services to support sustainable development. In 2001, Prime Minister Blair's government was awarded the World Wildlife Fund's "Gift to the Earth" award for having all state-owned forests certified to strict sustainable forest management criteria and for having developed a UK Woodland Assurance Standard for independent forest certification. In 2002, the Blair administration launched the UK and South African Water and Forestry Support Programme and became a partner in the Congo Basin Forest Partnership. Prime Minister Blair set long-term targets for halting the depletion of fish stocks, and established a substantial network of marine protected areas. In his 2005 Commission on Africa Report, Mr. Blair urged global collaboration over the next decade to strengthen environmental commitments in Africa in support of the Environment Initiative of the African Union's New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) program. Much due to groundwork by the former Prime Minister, Britain recently became the first country to set legally binding targets for carbon dioxide emissions in its new Climate Change Bill.

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**The ICCF Conservation Leadership in Business Award** honors leaders who use business to inspire solutions to environmental crises. The ICCF is pleased to recognize National Geographic Society as a leader that exemplifies a pro-business commitment to international conservation. Accepting the award is Gilbert M. Grosvenor, who has served National Geographic since 1954, first as a writer and photographer, then as editor of *National Geographic* magazine, president of the Society, and now as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Grosvenor has distinguished himself as the nation's leading advocate for returning geography education to America's schools. National Geographic is actively engaged in conserving our precious natural resources for future generations. Their Conservation Trust funds innovative conservation efforts and public-education campaigns. Dedicated to the conservation of the world's biological and cultural heritage, the National Geographic Society's Conservation Trust supports innovative solutions to issues of global concern. The trust encourages model projects that engage and inform their areas' local populations. Projects that hold potential as media subject matter are also encouraged, as National Geographic's vast audience offers their grantees opportunities to make a broad public impact.



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**Kris and Doug Tompkins**

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### ICCF's "Good Steward" Award

recognizes outstanding individual leadership in conservation. We are pleased to present this award to Kris and Doug Tompkins in honor of their personal commitments to conservation. The Tompkins have always been avid and effective conservationists. Mr. Tompkins founded the outdoor gear and clothing company The North Face. He later grew Esprit into a global powerhouse in the retail market. In 1990, Tompkins sold his share in Esprit to do conservation work full time. Kris Tompkins, the former CEO of Patagonia, helped to establish Patagonia as a world leader in the environmental movement, including co-founding the Conservation Alliance in 1989, encouraging other business leaders to contribute to conservation causes. Mrs. Tompkins retired in 1993 as the CEO of Patagonia, moving to southern Chile. Since then the Tompkins have acquired land for preservation purposes (over two million acres) for the Conservation Land Trust, founded by Doug Tompkins. In 2000 Kris Tompkins founded Conservacion Patagonica (CP), a land trust focused exclusively on the Patagonia region of Argentina and Chile. In 2001, CP purchased a ranch of over 150,000 acres, which was donated to the Argentine National Parks Administration, creating the first national park on the coast of Argentina, with unparalleled diversity of plant and animal life. In 2004, CP funded the purchase of 173,000 acres in the center of the prized habitats of the region. Thanks to the Tompkins and their tireless efforts, virtually all original species in the region remain intact, with a bright future of staying that way.

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Rubbed with Chef Perini's Secret Seasoning

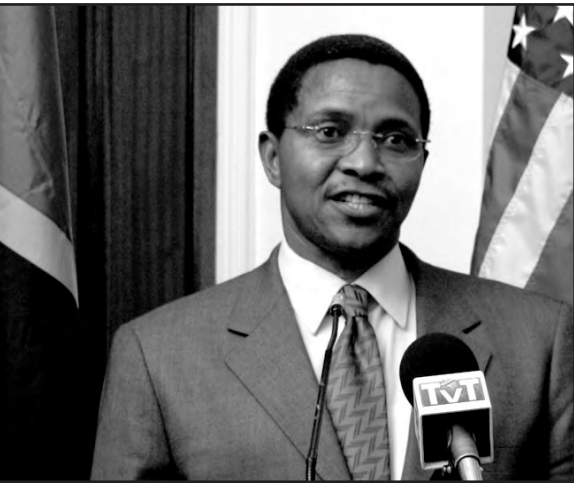
Jalapeno Shrimp

Traditional Ranch House Salad

Green Chile Hominy

Old Fashioned Green Beans with New Potatoes

Bread Pudding with Whiskey Sauce



## HIS EXCELLENCY Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete

has served as President of the United Republic of Tanzania since 2005. Prior to that he served as a Member of Parliament; Deputy Minister of Energy; Minister of Water, Energy and Minerals; Minister of Finance; and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. President Kikwete also served in the Tanzanian military for more than two decades. He received a degree in Economics from the University of Dar es Salaam.

Tanzania boasts one of the most stable constitutional democracies in the region. It enjoys abundant natural resources and world-famous tourist attractions. Tanzania is one of the few nations remaining in Africa where large carnivore guilds remain intact. President Kikwete is committed to protecting and developing wildlife and habitats and to incorporating conservation into all aspects of government. Approximately 38 percent of Tanzania's land area is designated for wildlife protection and conservation.

Tanzania's Serengeti National Park is the site of the largest wildlife migration on earth, and Tanzania is home to the Olduvai Gorge, often referred to as the "cradle of mankind." The Eastern Arc and coastal forest regions of Tanzania and Kenya are home to 1,500 species of plants and 50 species of reptiles found nowhere else on Earth.

Under the leadership of President Kikwete, Tanzania has adopted a successful approach to conservation that features community-based initiatives, individual and private sector involvement, public education and awareness, productive utilization and sustainable management, and establishment of protected zones.



## HIS EXCELLENCY Festus G. Mogae

became the third President of the Republic of Botswana in 1998. Prior to his presidency, he served as Minister of Finance and Development Planning and later as Vice President and has served for decades in various governmental posts. As Vice President, he was Leader of the House for the Botswana National Assembly. An active member of the Botswana Democratic Party, he served as member of the Botswana Democratic Party Central Committee and Chairman of its Finance and Economic Committee. He is considered a leader in southern African politics and has been involved with numerous regional coalitions to modernize economic conditions in the region.

The Republic of Botswana boasts a growing economy and stable political environment, as well as some of Africa's last great wilderness areas. It is the largest exporter of gemstone diamonds in the world and a major beef exporter.

Under the leadership of President Mogae, Botswana has devoted almost one-fifth of its territory to game parks and reserves, which are home to unique wildlife. President Mogae is committed to balancing an expanding tourist industry with the need for conservation and long-term sustainability. In 2000, President Mogae, along with the President of South Africa, announced Africa's first formally declared transborder conservation area, the Kgalagadi Transfrontier Park. With a combined land area of approximately 38,000 square kilometers, the park is large enough to allow the large-scale migration of wild ungulates and predation by large carnivores. This transborder park serves as a model for conservation in the 21st century.



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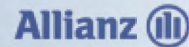
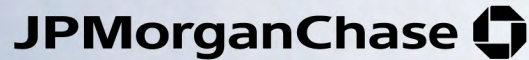


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