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Media Backgrounder

Eradicate Hate Global Summit 2023

When: Wednesday, September 27, -- Friday, September 29, 2023

Where: The David L. Lawrence Convention Center
1000 Fort Duquesne Blvd.
Pittsburgh, PA 15222

Background:

The *Eradicate Hate Global Summit* grew out of the deadliest anti-Semitic attack in U.S. history. On October 27, 2018, a violent attack shattered the calm of an otherwise peaceful Saturday morning in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh.

A heavily armed gunman, who earlier had posted online anti-Semitic and anti-refugee messages, massacred 11 worshippers from three different congregations at the Tree of Life Synagogue. Other worshippers were wounded, as well as law enforcement officers who had quickly arrived at the scene. The carnage was so severe that even experienced first responders were brought to tears.

This tragedy became the impetus for the Eradicate Hate organizers to create the world's most effectively coordinated, multi-disciplinary conference to combat hate-motivated, extremist violence.

Purpose of the Eradicate Hate Global Summit:

The Summit provides a unique, multidisciplinary forum to share ideas and build working relationships to drive the development and deployment of effective strategies to reduce hate-fueled violence.

The *Eradicate Hate Global Summit* is the product of a determined commitment to continue running toward the fire of hate-fueled violence by working toward its eradication. Though born of an attack on Jewish worshippers, the Summit is focused on all forms of hate and violent

extremism based on identity. Sadly, its broad scope reflects the disturbing global escalation of hate-fueled attacks.

The Inaugural 2021 Summit was held in Pittsburgh in October of that year. Even in the face of significant pandemic-related restrictions on travel and large-group gatherings, more than 100 of the world's leading experts participated as speakers and panelists.

The 2022 Summit included 95 sessions and featured more than 260 speakers. It initiated specialized tracks, permitting those with specific interests and areas of expertise to address more focused challenges and the development of workable solutions. It also included sessions on topics such as the rise of hate and violent extremism among adolescents and young adults, the power of sport to combat hate, violent extremism in the police and military, best practices for prevention, emerging legal strategies, and education and public awareness.

The 2023 Summit features 45 sessions and more than 350 speakers. Additionally, the [Summit's working groups](#) will update attendees on their solution-based efforts in a number of different areas. Just a few examples are:

- **United Nations-Summit Sports:** This working group, which includes U.N. representatives, has prepared *The Game Plan*, a sport-specific version of the United Nations Secretary General's Action Plan Against Hate Speech. The goal is to have all sports of the world participating in the plan's anti-hate strategies and messaging by the end of 2026.
- **Youth Red Flags:** This working group is creating a resource for lay people, including parents and other family members, educators, fellow students, and co-workers, to identify the red flags associated with a descent into violent extremism among young people.
- **Upstanders in Action:** Individual citizens from communities around the world are stepping up to deliver actual solutions at the community level. This working group panel provides some examples of the transformative work they have done and the roadmap they are creating for other upstanders who want to bring change to their communities.

The Summit's distinguishing approach is to assemble leading experts and scholars in the world from a diverse array of professions and sectors; to aid their exchange of innovative ideas to reduce hate-motivated violence; to form multi-disciplinary working groups that meet year-round to turn those ideas into practical real-world solutions; and to require the working groups to report their progress at the next conference.

Among the accomplished leaders committed to deliver keynote addresses at the 2023 Summit are:

- [Alejandro Mayorkas](#), Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security
- [Jeff Pegues](#), Chief National Affairs & Justice Correspondent, CBS News
- [Imran Ahmed](#), Founder, CEO, Center for Countering Digital Hate US/UK
- [Bibi Bahrami](#), President and Founder, Afghan Women's And Kids' Education & Necessities (AWAKEN)

The Summit is the most comprehensive anti-hate conference in the world. It unites experts and leaders from around the globe, who are dedicated to eradicating all forms of hate-fueled violence. The mission of the Summit is to identify and implement effective solutions for collective change.

The Summit continues to explore and work toward the development of effective strategies to globally eradicate violent acts spawned by hate based on identity. The [agenda](#) illustrates both the magnitude of our vision and the fact that we have amassed an unprecedented group of experts to address critical issues that form the foundation for extremist hate.

The Summit will bring together experts from government, academia, law, the non-profit sector, corporations, and journalism in a search for effective ongoing solutions to global extremism. It will not only search for useful tools to combat anti-Semitism and hate-motivated attacks against other religions, but also racist, ethnic, and cultural hate. It will also address hate-fueled violence targeting the LGBTQ communities.

The bottom line is that the Summit will drive solutions, not just dialogue.

Leaders:

The leadership of the Eradicate Hate Global Summit includes:

- [Laura Ellsworth](#), Co-Chair, Eradicate Hate Global Summit; Partner-in-Charge of Global Community Service Initiatives, Jones Day law firm
- [Mark Nordenberg](#), Co-Chair, Eradicate Hate Global Summit; Chancellor Emeritus and Chair of the Institute of Politics, University of Pittsburgh
- [Chuck Moellenberg](#), President, Eradicate Hate Global Summit; Retired – Jones Day law firm.

In January 2023, the Summit was re-structured as a U.S. non-profit corporation [501(c)3]. A newly appointed president and a newly formed Board of Directors, (consisting of members of the Summit's prior Executive Committee), now develop the Summit's strategy and oversee its activities. This legal structure will enhance the Summit's sustainability long into the future. A number of mostly local Pittsburgh foundations and corporations have generously supported the Summit to date..

Recurrence:

Each conference builds on the work of preceding summits and the [Eradicate Hate Working Groups](#), which drive action toward feasible and effective solutions to reduce hate-motivated violence around the globe.

For more information, please visit our website [here](#).