



FORTUNE / STATE DEPARTMENT

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN LEADERS MENTORING PARTNERSHIP

THE PARTNERSHIP

The FORTUNE/State Department International Women Leaders Mentoring Partnership is an innovative program that connects America's leading women business leaders with emerging businesswomen from around the world. FORTUNE's Most Powerful Women share their time, talent and expertise in business with the next generation of international women business leaders.

This public-private partnership is at the core of Secretary Rice's transformational diplomacy efforts. By harnessing the energy and resources of America's private sector, we can help foreign citizens better their own lives, build their own nations, and transform their own futures. These people-to-people exchanges foster mutual respect and understanding between people of other countries and are the cornerstone of our public diplomacy efforts. America's business leaders are one of our nation's greatest sources of skill, determination, and exemplary achievement. This program would not be possible without the generosity and commitment of our private sector partners.

HISTORY

The U.S. Department of State and FORTUNE Most Powerful Women Summit, in partnership with Vital Voices, joined together to launch the International Women Leaders Mentoring Partnership in May 2006. The month-long program placed 17 talented, emerging women leaders from Bangladesh, Bolivia (2), Czech Republic, Guatemala, Indonesia, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa (2), and Ukraine in mentoring programs with FORTUNE's Most Powerful Women Leaders.

2007 PROGRAM

The 2007 FORTUNE program was expanded to include 32 emerging women leaders from Argentina, Bosnia-Herzegovina, China (2), Egypt (2), Gaza, Ghana, Hungary (2), India (2), Indonesia, Kenya (2), Lebanon (3), Nepal, Nigeria, Peru (3), Poland, Russia, Rwanda, South Africa (3), Vietnam, West Bank, and Zimbabwe. Many of the FORTUNE Most Powerful Women who participated as mentors in last year's program donated their time again in 2007, including Ann S. Moore, Chairman and CEO, Time, Inc.; Patricia Fili-Krushel, Executive Vice President of Time, Inc.; and Anne M. Mulcahy, CEO, Xerox Corporation. New mentors included Patricia Woertz, CEO of Archer Daniels Midland and Donna Orender, CEO of the Women's National Basketball Association. The program opened with an Orientation and Leadership Training session in Washington, DC, where the participants met with senior women in government, academia, and business, including Senators Hillary Clinton and Kay Baily Hutchison, Under Secretary Karen P. Hughes, Under Secretary Henrietta Fore, Assistant Secretary Kristen Silverberg, Assistant Secretary Dina H. Powell and Ambassador Shirin Tahir-Kheli. The second phase paired each of the 32 participants with one of FORTUNE's Most Powerful Women Leaders. For two weeks, American and international participants worked together in mentoring relationships to share the skills and experiences necessary for strengthening women's leadership. This portion of the program, which took place in 18 cities across the U.S., gave the women an opportunity to observe best practices, learn organization and management skills, and cultivate a valuable network of American professionals. The program ended with a final session in New York City, where the delegation discussed next steps and met with media leaders.