State and Local Officials Initiative

Connecting State and Local Leaders to CFR’s Nonpartisan Resources on Pressing International Issues
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State and Local Officials Initiative

The CFR State and Local Officials Initiative seeks to serve as a resource and forum for bipartisan discussion on pressing international issues that affect the priorities and agendas of state and local governments, including the economy, trade and competitiveness, homeland security, public health, immigration, and energy supply and climate policy.
Resources

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CFR Books, Task Force reports, and other special publications offer analysis on major topical and regional issues that affect the priorities and agendas of state and local governments. CFR can provide materials free of charge at the request of state and local leaders.

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CFR is home to nearly fifty regional and topic-specific scholars. Taken together, their expertise covers a wide range of international issues of local importance.

Briefings
CFR can arrange for a fellow to brief an official or group of delegates—in person or via teleconference—prior to trade missions abroad, major international meetings, or other events. CFR fellows have spoken to groups such as the California Energy Commission and the National Association of Secretaries of State’s Standing Committee on International Relations.

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Access to Meetings and Events

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Top from left, speaking at CFR: Timothy F. Geithner, Condoleezza Rice, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Michael Chertoff, Bill Richardson, and David A. Paterson.
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