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LOUISE BLOUIN FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES THE SIXTH ANNUAL BLOUIN CREATIVE LEADERSHIP SUMMIT

**- HEADS OF STATE, LEADING CEOS, ENTREPRENEURS AND WORLD-RENOWNED ARTISTS GATHER IN
NEW YORK CITY FROM SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2011 -**

New York, NY - The **Louise Blouin Foundation** (LBF) is pleased to announce the sixth annual **Blouin Creative Leadership Summit** (BCLS), a forum in partnership with the **United Nations Office for Partnerships** that engages in dialogue and exchanges best practices to successfully confront the local and global challenges and opportunities brought about by globalization over the coming decade.

From **September 19 – 20, 2011**, approximately 100 international heads of state, government executives, global business and financial CEOs, entrepreneurs, technology innovators, scholars, cultural influencers, artists and thought-leaders will assemble in **New York** to address critical issues of the 21st century surrounding economic recovery, global governance, environmental reform, foreign policy, education, health, poverty and development, cultural exchange and technology.

"It is essential that our world leaders engage around the urgent issues facing us – our collective future; our opportunities and challenges, and how to develop solutions that will ensure a safer, healthier and more prosperous planet," says **Louise Blouin**, Founder and Chairman of Louise Blouin Foundation. *"The BCLS is about acclaimed global leaders discussing, debating and taking action on issues that effect us all, across borders and cultures."*

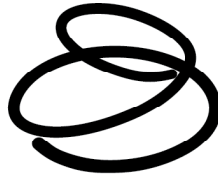
Roland Rich, Officer-in-Charge for the United Nations Office for Partnerships comments, *"We are delighted to partner again with the Blouin Creative Leadership Summit. As in previous years, this year's summit promises to be an exciting and inspirational event that will lead to innovative ways to work together to achieve the **United Nations Millennium Development Goals**."*

The 2011 panel discussions will include popular annual topics surrounding digital innovation and security, emerging markets and culture beyond borders. Specifically, *Principals of Innovation* will feature **Dr. Nicholas Negroponte (One Laptop Per Child)**, **Josh Wolfe (Lux Capital)** and **Ali Velshi (CNN)**; *Global Health* will include **Dr. Thomas R. Frieden (Center for Disease Control and Prevention)**, **Dr. Matthew Spitzer (Medecins Sans Frontiers US)** and **Bill Roedy (MTV Networks International)**; and *The Future of Information* with **Jimmy Wales (Wikipedia)**, **Jeffrey Freidberg (Microsoft)** and **Stephen Wolfram (Wolfram Research)**. This year's agenda also includes additional issues such as *Strategic Imperative: the Arab Spring and the Change in US Foreign Policy*, featuring **Dr. Joost Hiltermann (International Crisis Group)**, **Ned Parker (The Los Angeles Times)** and **Riz Khan (Al Jazeera English)**; and *Global Law* with **Deputy Prosecutor Fatou Bensouda (International Criminal Court)**, **Deputy Secretary Jane Holl Lute (Department of Homeland Security)** and **H.E. Mary Robinson (former President of Iceland, Realizing Rights)**.

Additional 2011 participants include **H.E. Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson**, President of the Republic of Iceland; **H.E.**



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Armando Guebuza, President of Mozambique; **H.E. Nikola Špirić**, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina; **Carlos Slim**; **Matthew Bishop** (*The Economist*); **Dr. Ralph J. Cicerone** (**National Academy of Sciences**); **Dr. Professor John Henry Clippinger** (MIT Media Lab); **Lisa Dennison** (Sotheby's North and South America); **Asher Edelman** (Edelman Arts); **Lex Fenwick** (Bloomberg Ventures); **Commissioner Connie Hedegaard** (European Commission); **John Madea** (Rhode Island School of Design); **Bruce Mau** (Bruce Mau Designs); **Kumi Naidoo** (Greenpeace International); **Carl Pope** (Sierra Club); **Juan Ignacio Vidarte** (Guggenheim Bilbao); and **Lally Weymouth** (*The Washington Post*), amongst many others.

Previous BCLS delegates have included **H.E. Michelle Bachelet**, **Dr. Craig Barrett**, **H.E. José Barroso**, **Michael Chertoff**, **President Bill Clinton**, **Arianna Huffington**, **Chris Hughes**, **H.E. Lech Kaczynski**, **Jaap de Hoop Scheffer**, **Pascal Lamy**, **Dr. Eric Kandel**, **Kōichirō Matsuuro**, **Luis Moreno-Ocampo**, **H.E. Amre Moussa**, **Sir Paul Nurse**, **H.E. Sheikha Lubna al Qasimi**, **Lieutenant General Robert Schmidle**, **Dominique Strauss-Kahn**, **Ted Turner**, **H.E. Matti Vanhanen**, **Dr. J. Craig Venter**, **Monique Villa** and **H.E. Asif Ali Zardari**. For a full list of BCLS participants and panel topics, or to register to attend, please visit: www.creativeleadershipsummit.org.

The Louise Blouin Foundation will also host the **Louise Blouin Foundation Awards Ceremony and Gala** on the evening of September 19, 2011. As a celebration dedicated to honoring leaders in politics, science, business and the arts who have made extraordinary contributions on a global level, the Foundation will honor artists **Ilya and Emilia Kabakov**, Nobel Laureate **Sir Edmund Phelps** and businessman **Carlos Slim**.

An online **Charity Buzz** auction supplementing the events will benefit **ART+HOPE**, a Louise Blouin Foundation initiative that supports artists who promote the use of art and culture as powerful tools for expression to compel social change. To view the full list of auction offerings or to bid on an item, visit: <http://www.charitybuzz.com/auctions/arthope/>

The Blouin Creative Leadership Summit has been developed with the support and expertise of the United Nations Office for Partnerships. The United Nations Office for Partnerships promotes new alliances and partnerships worldwide. Working with companies, foundations and civil society organizations, the United Nations Office for Partnerships leverages their management skills, technology, and innovative delivery systems to achieve the Millennium Development Goals. It engages partners on strategic issues and provides a platform for policy dialogue to effectively address global challenges.

The Louise Blouin Foundation, founded in 2004 by Louise Blouin, is an international non-profit organization that seeks to address challenges and opportunities of globalization through cultural understanding and dialogue. The globalization platform focuses on such diverse areas as international trade, foreign policy, education and the environment, through the utilization of a multidisciplinary approach that emphasizes the role of culture and the sciences to provide solutions to current and future issues.

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