BACKGROUND AND MISSION
In 2003, former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright founded the Aspen Ministers Forum to strengthen diplomatic ties between the U.S. and Europe. The group soon evolved to embrace a more global mission and membership. It has established itself as a leading platform for nonpartisan dialogue aimed at addressing and developing concrete policy recommendations for many of the international community’s greatest challenges.

APPROACH
The Aspen Ministers Forum is a nonpartisan initiative of former Foreign Ministers from around the world. This diverse group of AMF members meets in-person and virtually to elevate specific topics, which may be a crisis that demands urgent attention or a long-term policy challenge that deserves closer examination. AMF members engage in intensive off-the-record moderated roundtable discussions where participants leverage their history of constructive negotiations, policy acumen, and continued influence to develop new strategies that address difficult global problems. Senior government officials and leading experts are also invited to participate in the discussions based on each specific topic. These participants are in turn able to draw on insights from the meeting to enhance their own work. The group has expanded their work to include various digital components by convening via Zoom and launching a series of digital public products.

WHY IS THE ASPEN MINISTERS FORUM UNIQUE?
• The AMF is a preeminent platform with the ability to regularly convene 20-25 former Foreign Ministers of diverse nationalities and political perspectives that remain engaged and influential on the world stage.
• The AMF frequently hosts and engages with senior government and international officials, allowing them to speak candidly in a private, off-the-record setting, forge new relationships, and apply lessons learned in their roles as world leaders.
• The AMF tackles international challenges to provide high-level policy guidance to governments, international organizations, and NGO leaders.
• AMF members bring findings from the meetings back home to their countries, and often communicate insights directly to senior world leaders through their professional networks and more broadly via their written work, lectures, and media interviews.

SELECT PAST AMF IN-PERSON SESSION TOPICS
2019: The 21st Century Battlefield
2019: Reimagining Domestic and International Institutions: From Past Lessons to New Challenges
2018: Africa Rising: Trends, Challenges, and Opportunities
2018: Global Rise of Nationalism: Realities vs. Perception
2017: A Repositioned Europe and Its Role in the World

SELECT AMF VIRTUAL SESSIONS
May 2020: The COVID Crisis: Toward a Global Response
January 2021: Strengthening the NATO Alliance
May 2021: Foreign policy priorities with Jake Sullivan
October 2021: Asia, AUKUS and Afghanistan

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The Aspen Ministers Forum brings together the world’s most experienced diplomats to explore the key international challenges of our time, ranging from the global refugee crisis to the fraying of the international liberal order. By providing a platform for former Foreign Ministers to candidly debate the issues without reference to their national position, the Forum helps them test new ideas, develop innovative solutions, and ultimately continue their efforts to promote international peace and understanding. The AMF is a unique institution that is more relevant and necessary than ever.”

— Madeleine Albright, Former U.S. Secretary of State and Aspen Ministers Forum Founder