

Concordia Announces the Inaugural Washington, D.C. Forum

This September, Concordia will launch a new platform for dialogue at one of the most consequential moments for U.S. engagement in the Gulf region.

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leaders from government, business, civil society, and academia will convene in Washington, D.C. for the inaugural [Concordia Washington, D.C. Forum](#), a new gathering built to explore the geopolitical, economic, and strategic developments shaping one of the world's most dynamic regions.

As the Gulf continues to emerge as a global hub for investment, innovation, energy, healthcare, and technology, while navigating an increasingly complex geopolitical landscape, the need for informed, cross-sector dialogue has never been greater. At the same time, the United States continues to redefine its strategic

partnerships across the region, making this an essential moment to bring together the leaders shaping what comes next. The region is also experiencing its greatest geostrategic challenge, making this a vital moment to host these discussions. It is exactly this kind of moment that [Concordia](#) was built to meet.

The Washington, D.C. Forum builds upon Concordia's longstanding commitment to fostering practical dialogue between the public and private sectors. Over the past sixteen years, Concordia has convened presidents, ministers, CEOs, investors, and civil society leaders from across the Gulf and the broader Middle East, creating opportunities for collaboration around the issues driving global affairs.

"For more than sixteen years, Concordia has convened leaders at the moments when dialogue matters most. As the Gulf continues to emerge as one of the world's most influential regions for investment, innovation, energy, and geopolitics, we believe there is tremendous value in creating a dedicated forum that brings together the people shaping its future." said Matthew Swift, Concordia's Co-Founder, President & CEO, "The Washington, D.C. Forum is an opportunity to strengthen relationships, exchange perspectives, and foster the kind of cross-sector

collaboration that leads to lasting impact."

The Forum will feature a full day of programming, conducted under the Chatham House Rule, to encourage candid discussion among senior decision-makers. Through a combination of fireside conversations and senior working groups, participants will explore topics including:

- Geopolitical security
- Economic investment
- Energy
- Health
- Emerging technology

The day will conclude with a private reception, providing additional opportunities for participants to continue conversations and build new relationships across sectors.

"The Gulf region is at an important moment of transformation, presenting both significant opportunities and complex challenges that will have implications well beyond the region," said His Excellency Meshal bin Hamad Al Thani, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the United States. "We are pleased to host Concordia's inaugural Washington, D.C. Forum and provide a platform for leaders from across sectors to engage in meaningful dialogue at this important moment. We look forward to welcoming participants for a timely and substantive conversation on the future of U.S.-Gulf relations and the opportunities that lie ahead."

The Washington, D.C. Forum represents the next evolution of Concordia's global convening platform, creating a dedicated space for leaders to exchange ideas, identify opportunities, and strengthen partnerships at a defining moment for U.S.-Gulf relations.

We look forward to welcoming our community to Washington this September.

About Concordia

Concordia is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to actively fostering, elevating, and sustaining cross-sector partnerships for social impact. Through its Annual Summit in New York, Horizon Summits held around the world, and year-round programming, Concordia convenes leaders from business, government, and civil society to drive collaboration and measurable change.

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