



The Honorable Susan E. Rice
Former National Security Advisor
and U.S. Ambassador to the UN

Join the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations for a conversation on China featuring Ambassador Rice via webcast, plus in-person discussions with China specialists at 80+ venues

Tuesday, October 24

The national webcast takes place from 7:00 to 7:45 pm EDT, and is either followed or preceded by in-person discussions with China specialists

The National Committee is seeking partners for local CHINA Town Hall programs

To host a program in your local community, please submit a proposal via our website:

ncuser.org/cth

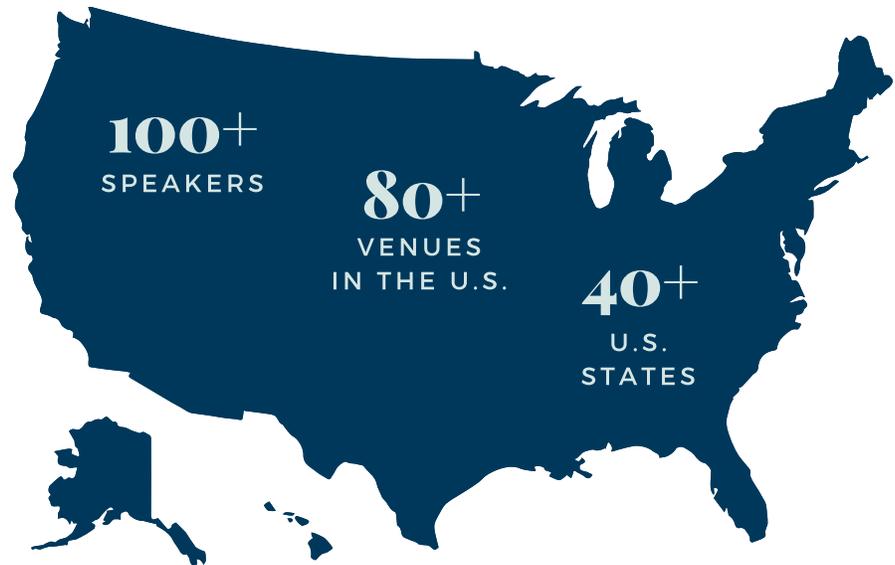
Early deadline: Friday, August 25*

Final deadline: Friday, September 8

**As China specialists will be matched with venues on a rolling basis, early application is encouraged.*

THE PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

CHINA Town Hall provides Americans the opportunity to participate in a national conversation about issues in the U.S.-China relationship, via an interactive webcast and in-person discussion with leading experts



TESTIMONIALS FROM LOCAL PARTNERS

“A truly unique learning experience for our cadets and students.”

– The Citadel

“Provides a wonderful connection for us in Middle America to the events that are happening so rapidly in China.”

– South Dakota World Affairs Council

“CHINA Town Hall provides a nonpartisan, nonprofit place where people can come together, discuss, ask questions, get educated, and disagree sometimes about what U.S. foreign policy is and what it should be.”

– Birmingham Committee on Foreign Relations

“A great asset to our small, rural, Appalachian community.”

– Southwest Virginia Community College



SUSAN E. RICE

2017 NATIONAL WEBCAST SPEAKER

Ambassador Susan E. Rice served President Barack Obama as national security advisor and U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations. In her role as national security advisor from July 1, 2013, to January 20, 2017, Ambassador Rice led the National Security Council staff and chaired the Cabinet-level National Security Principals Committee. She provided the President daily national security briefings and was responsible for coordinating the formulation and implementation of all aspects of the Administration's foreign and national security policy, intelligence, and military efforts.

As U.S. permanent representative to the United Nations (UN) and a member of President Obama's cabinet, Ambassador Rice worked to advance U.S. interests, defend universal values, strengthen the world's security and prosperity, and promote respect for human rights. In a world of 21st century threats that pay no heed to borders, Ambassador Rice helped rebuild an effective basis for international cooperation that strengthened the United States' ability to achieve its foreign policy objectives and made the American people safer.

Ambassador Rice served as U.S. assistant secretary of state for African Affairs from 1997 to 2001. In that role, she formulated and implemented U.S. policy towards 48 countries in sub-Saharan Africa and oversaw the management of 43 U.S. embassies and more than 5,000 U.S. and local employees. Ambassador Rice was co-recipient of the White House's 2000 Samuel Nelson Drew Memorial Award for distinguished contributions to the formation of peaceful, cooperative relationships between states.

From 1993 to 1997, she served as special assistant to President William J. Clinton and senior director for African Affairs at the National Security Council at the White House, as well as director for international organizations and peacekeeping on the National Security Council staff. From 2002 to 2008, she was a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution, where she conducted research and published widely on U.S. foreign policy, transnational security threats, weak states, global poverty, and development. She began her career as a management consultant with McKinsey and Company in Toronto, Canada. She has served on numerous boards, including the Bureau of National Affairs, the National Democratic Institute, and the U.S. Fund for UNICEF.

Ambassador Rice received her master's degree (M.Phil.) and Ph.D (D.Phil.) in international relations from New College, Oxford University, England, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. She was awarded the Chatham House-British International Studies Association prize for the most distinguished doctoral dissertation in the United Kingdom in the field of international relations in 1990. Ambassador Rice received her B.A. in history with honors from Stanford University in 1986, where she was awarded junior *Phi Beta Kappa* and was a Truman Scholar. In 2017, French President Francois Hollande presented Ambassador Rice with the Award of Commander, the Legion of Honor of France, for her contributions to Franco-American relations.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the purpose of CHINA Town Hall?

For over ten years, CHINA Town Hall (CTH) has provided Americans across the country a more nuanced understanding of the implications of China's rise for U.S.-China relations and for their own communities.

Who participates in CTH?

The National Committee works with a wide range of institutions and community groups, including but not limited to colleges and universities, world affairs councils, and trade and business associations to implement the program. Last year, over 80 venues across the United States participated, along with four partner organizations in Greater China.

How is CTH structured?

The full CTH program is an hour and forty-five minutes long, broken down into two components. The two components are: (1) a webcast featuring the national webcast speaker, interviewed by National Committee president Stephen Orlins on various issues in the Sino-American relationship; and (2) a China specialist presenting on a China-related topic of your choosing. The specialist will make a brief (20-25 minute) presentation and then answer questions from the local audience.

The local specialist's presentation takes place either before or after the webcast. During the webcast, the national speaker will take questions submitted via email and Twitter from members of the audiences around the country. The webcast will take place from 7:00 to 7:45pm EDT.

Who is this year's national webcast speaker?

We are delighted to announce that The Honorable Susan E. Rice, former national security advisor and U.S. ambassador to the UN, will be our national speaker.

Who has participated as a national speaker in the past?

Past national speakers have included: former President Jimmy Carter, former Secretaries of State Madeleine Albright and Henry Kissinger, as well as former Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin alongside Mayor Sheldon Day of Thomasville, Alabama, among others.

Who are the local speakers?

Last year, over 100 speakers participated in CTH. Local speakers come from a diverse background – from academics to business practitioners to government officials – and can cover a range of topics. These topics have included: Sino-American relations, as well as China's relationship with the world; business, trade, and economy; domestic Chinese politics; society and culture; rule of law and human rights; military and security; energy and environment; education; and science and technology.

How are local speakers chosen?

In the application, each local venue proposes a topic and/or speakers that would be of interest to their audience. We then work with each venue to match speakers to venues, drawing upon our deep, broad-ranging network of China specialists across the United States. We do our best to accommodate specific requests for particular speakers.

What role does the National Committee play in CTH?

For those venues requesting outside speakers, the National Committee finds appropriate specialists and handles all necessary hotel and transportation bookings for them. Most of the cost of travel arrangements are borne by the National Committee.

The National Committee produces the national webcast and also prints and ships a national program brochure to be used by all venues, in conjunction with whatever event materials local venues wish to use.

What are the responsibilities of local venues?

Each local venue serves as a CTH partner. All local venues are responsible for executing the event, including securing a physical space to host the program and ensuring the appropriate A/V. Importantly, local partners communicate with speakers once they are secured, and conduct audience and media outreach to promote the event.

Once we approve a proposal from a local venue, we will send briefing materials.

Is there a participation fee?

The National Committee charges a \$200 participation fee to venues that would like to bring in an outside speaker requiring air/train travel and/or hotel accommodations. This fee helps offset some of the costs of getting the speaker to and from the venue. To streamline preparations for the program, the National Committee handles all hotel and transportation bookings.

If your venue prefers not to participate in this cost-sharing arrangement, we will be happy to assist you in identifying an appropriate local speaker from your community who will not require transportation or accommodations.

CHINA Town Hall sounds great! How do I participate?

Venues interested in serving as a local CTH partner should submit an online proposal via our website: <https://www.ncuser.org/cth>

Early applications are due **Friday, August 25**. We encourage local partners to submit proposals as soon as possible so that the speaker-venue matching process can start sooner rather than later.

The final application deadline is **Friday, September 8**.

Questions?

Please contact Emily Tang-Lee, senior program officer leading CTH. She can be reached via email at etang@ncuser.org or via phone at (646) 604-8002.



For over 50 years, the National Committee on U.S.-China Relations has promoted understanding and cooperation between the United States and Greater China in the belief that sound and productive Sino-American relations serve vital American and world interests. Our programs create opportunities for informed discussion and reasoned debate about issues of common interest and concern to the United States, Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan. We currently organize programs for private and public sector participants on politics and security, education, governance and civil society, economics and trade, the media, and transnational issues such as the environment and public health. We carry out our mission via forums and conferences, professional exchanges and collaborative projects, public outreach programs, and publications and website. We are proud of our five decades of experience developing innovative programs at the forefront of U.S.-China relations.

The National Committee is a private, non-partisan, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. In 1972, we sponsored the historic visit of China's Ping-Pong team to the United States, which led to our dual focus on exchanges and public outreach.

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