



CTH FAQs

What is the purpose of CHINA Town Hall and the local town hall programs?

For 16 years, CHINA Town Hall (CTH) has provided local communities across America a more nuanced understanding of the U.S.-China relationship and its importance to the health of our towns, cities, states, and nation.

How is CTH structured?

CTH consists of a webcast featuring a guest speaker (this year, Ambassador Jon M. Huntsman Jr.) in conversation with National Committee President Stephen Orlins. The webcast, viewed by all of our venues simultaneously, will be followed or preceded by expert-led town hall discussions at participating partner venues on a topic of specific interest to each local community.

Who are local partners?

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.

What are the responsibilities of local partners?

All local partners are responsible for organizing their constituents to tune in for the national webcast and convening a local town hall, virtual or in-person, either before or after the webcast. Local partners are also responsible for conducting audience and media outreach to promote the event, and for completing a post-event survey.

What role does the National Committee play in CTH?

The National Committee produces CHINA Town Hall and provides resources for local partners. The National Committee also identifies appropriate individuals for partners requiring assistance identifying an expert speaker to join their local town hall.

What are the technological requirements for CTH this year?

The webcast will be streamed on our website via YouTube Live, so there is no need to download or install any additional software to participate. Organizations intending to host their own *virtual* town hall program must have access to a virtual meeting platform.

CHINA Town Hall sounds great! How do I participate?

Organizations interested in serving as a local CTH partner should apply by completing [this form](#) as soon as possible. Those who will require the National Committee's assistance securing a local speaker must apply before October 19.

Still have questions?

Please contact us at cth@ncuscr.org and a member of the CHINA Town Hall team will be in touch.