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Think Leaders to Gather at IICF’s Women in Insurance Global Conference to Discuss Leadership and Diversity in a Changing World

Hosted by the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation in New York, this is the longest running and only industry event of its kind to benefit a nonprofit cause – IICF’s Early Literacy Initiative.

New York, January 22, 2019 – The Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation (IICF) will host its fourth Women in Insurance Global Conference June 12-14 at the Sheraton New York Times Square Hotel before an anticipated international audience of 750 women and men. Kate White, former editor-in-chief of Cosmopolitan magazine, will headline the event as global experts on diversity, innovation and leadership provide insight on issues impacting the workplace, including gender equity in a changing world–this year’s conference theme.

“IICF’s Women in Insurance Global Conference is a truly unique gathering of the industry’s best minds to address the issues of leadership, diversity and innovation in the marketplace,” said Elizabeth Myatt, IICF Women in Insurance Global Conference chair and executive director of the IICF Northeast Division. “This is not only the largest diversity initiative in the insurance industry, but also the first established women in insurance event, and the only such event that benefits a nonprofit cause. As an action-driven platform for thoughtful discussion on matters of diversity and inclusion, the IICF Women in Insurance Global Conference empowers attendees to implement ideas and solutions in their own professional lives.”

This year IICF is pleased to welcome White, who has served as editor-in-chief of leading consumer magazines including Cosmo, Working Women, and Redbook as the Women in Insurance Global Conference headline speaker. White is also a New York Times best-selling author, and recognized expert on leadership, work and success. She is the author of best-selling books designed to encourage and inspire women in business–“The Gutsy Girl Handbook” and “Why Good Girls Don’t Get Ahead But Gutsy Girls Do.”

Since its inception in 2013, the IICF Women in Insurance Global Conference has drawn more than 6,000 men and women. As industry professionals continue to tackle issues related to gender, race and a more culturally-diverse workforce, conferences exploring leadership strategies and the impact of innovation on the workplace are increasingly important. While still in the early planning stages, this year’s program has already attracted renowned speakers from around the globe, including:

- Pina Albo, chief executive officer, Hamilton Group
- Barbara Bufkin, executive head of business development, Assurant
- Maggie Doyne, founder, The Blink Foundation
- Emma Garner, executive vice president, CRC Insurance Services
- Lori Goltermann, chief executive officer, Aon US
- Jeff Kroeger, executive vice president of strategy and business development, Insureon
- Baroness Margaret McDonagh, founder, The Pipeline and member of the House of Lords
- Karen Reutter, head of construction, Zurich North America
In addition to hearing from leaders in various fields and disciplines on key topics related to the conference theme, attendees of the Women in Insurance Global Conference will have opportunities to explore these topics among their peers, network with industry colleagues and executives, and share in the experiences of other industry leaders who have successfully navigated these issues in their careers.

All proceeds from the Women in Insurance Global Conference benefit IICF’s Early Literacy Initiative, which is a strategically-focused program designed to improve early childhood literacy opportunities and expand IICF’s *Every Day Is a Reading and Writing Day* program, developed in partnership with Sesame Workshop, the nonprofit organization behind Sesame Street.

“The Women in Insurance Global Conference provides an inspiring atmosphere for industry professionals to come together and explore topics for which they share a passion,” said Bill Ross, CEO of IICF. “These individuals are committed to making a thriving industry even more successful by finding strength in expanding leadership and diversity. We couldn’t be more pleased to provide an opportunity for that discussion—a symposium that also benefits early learning and child literacy opportunities in underserved communities.”

Early registration for the conference runs until April 17, 2019. Attendees can register at [http://womensconference.iicf.org/](http://womensconference.iicf.org/). Regular registration is available leading up to the event and onsite at the conference if space permits.

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**About the Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation (IICF)**

The Insurance Industry Charitable Foundation (IICF) is a unique nonprofit that unites the collective strengths of the insurance industry to help communities and enrich lives through grants, volunteer service and leadership. Established in 1994, IICF is celebrating twenty-five years as the philanthropic foundation of the insurance industry, contributing over $31 million in community grants, along with 300,000 volunteer hours by more than 110,000 industry professionals. IICF reinvests locally where funds are raised, serving hundreds of charities and nonprofit organizations, for maximum community impact. IICF is a registered nonprofit organization under section 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. Learn more at [www.iicf.org](http://www.iicf.org) or follow us on Twitter @doubleicf.

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