

US-UA WORKING GROUP
YEARLY SUMMIT
IX

PROVIDING UKRAINE WITH AN ANNUAL REPORT CARD

ONLINE WEBINAR
JUNE 16-17, 2021

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

You are about to participate in the US-UA Working Group Yearly Summit IX:
Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card, scheduled to be webcast June 16-17 2021

The forum, held in two four hour segments spanning consecutive days, will bring together government and key non-government representatives from Ukraine, Canada, the EU and the US to take measure of Ukraine's 2020-2021 progress/regress in six categories: "robust democratic politics, developed market economics, ever greater energy security, ever greater general security, viable social cohesion and an established national identity".

To facilitate the said examination, the event will run four plenary sessions, four highlight focus sessions, two special sessions and a tally-master report. In total, nearly three dozen featured speakers are expected to address the conference proceedings.

SUMMIT INVOCATION

Oh Lord, Master of Heaven and Earth
You have graced Ukraine with Liberty,
We beseech you to help Her sustain
Your precious gift

PROGRAM

US-UA Working Group Yearly Summit IX: Providing Ukraine with an Annual Report Card June 16-17, 2021

FIRST DAY – WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16 – Zoom Webinar w/ Facebook & YouTube simulcast

9:30 AM - 9:45 AM **Word of Welcome – Amb. Oksana Markarova**

9:45 AM - 10:15 AM **Highlight Focus Session I**

Theme: Why a Free, Stable and Prosperous Ukraine Still Matter – UA Perspective

Chair: Andriy Futey [President/Ukrainian Congress Committee of America]

Featured Speaker: Hon. Dmytro Razumkov [Speaker of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine]

10:15 AM – 11:30 AM **Plenary Session I**

Theme: Robust Democratic Politics – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress

Moderator:

- Amb. William Taylor [Vice President/United States Institute of Peace]

Presenters/Graders:

- Steven Nix [Regional Director/International Republican Institute]
- Katie Fox [Deputy Regional Director/National Democratic Institute]
- Ostap Kryvdyk [Ukraine and the World Program/Ukrainian Catholic University]
- Adrian Karatnycky [Senior Fellow/Atlantic Council]

Issues to Consider:

- *Fair Elections*
- *Effective Political Parties*
- *Free Media & Strong Civil Society*
- *Independent Judiciary*

11:30 AM – 12:50 PM **Plenary Session II**

Theme: Developed Market Economics & Energy Security – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress

Moderator:

- Amb. John Herbst [Eurasia Center Director/Atlantic Council]

Presenters/Graders:

- Anders Åslund [Senior Fellow/Atlantic Council]
- Morgan Williams [President/US-Ukraine Business Council]
- Ariel Cohen [Program Director/International Tax and Investment Center]
- Margarita Assenova [Senior Fellow/Jamestown Foundation]
- [Special Guest – Natalie Jaresko [Minister of Finance of Ukraine, 2014-2016]]

Issues to Consider:

- *Sound Fiscal & Monetary Policy*
- *Business Reliability & Transparency*
- *Expanding Energy Production*
- *Improving Energy Transport/Distribution Capacity*

12:50 PM - 1:20 PM Highlight Focus Session II

Theme: Why a Free, Stable and Prosperous Ukraine Still Matters – US Perspective

Chair: Michael Sawkiw [Director/Ukrainian National Information Service]

Featured Speaker: Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D-OH) [Co-Chair/Congressional Ukraine Caucus]

1:20 PM – 2:00 PM Special Discussion Concerning “Ukraine, the US and the Black Sea”

Discussants: LTG (ret.) Ben Hodges and Dr. Stephen Blank

SECOND DAY – THURSDAY, June 17 – Zoom Webinar w/ Facebook & YouTube simulcast

9:30 AM - 10:00 AM Highlight Focus Session III

Theme: How US Can Best Help Ukraine Attain Its Euro-Atlantic Vision – UA Perspective

Chair: Mariia Krupianova [Executive Director/Ukrainian World Congress]

Featured Speaker: Hon. Ivanna Klymush-Tsintsadze, MP [Chair, Verkhovna Rada Committee on Matters of Integration of Ukraine with the European Union]

10:00 AM – 11:15 AM Plenary Session III

Theme: Ever Greater General Security – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress

Moderator:

- Amb. William Courtney [Adjunct Senior Fellow/RAND]

Presenters/Graders:

- Amb. Kurt Volker [Distinguished Fellow/Center for European Policy Analysis]
- Glen Howard [President/Jamestown Foundation]
- James Sherr OBE [Senior Fellow/EE International Center for Defence and Security]
- Alexander Gray [Senior Fellow/American Foreign Policy Council]

Issues to Consider:

- *Professionalized Armed Forces*
- *Modernized Military Industrial Complex*
- *Developed ‘National Security’ Doctrine*
- *Reliable Allies*

11:15 AM – 12:30 PM Plenary Session IV

Theme: Viable Social Cohesion & An Established National Identity – Assessing UA’s Progress/Regress

Moderator:

- Amb. Roman Popadiuk [President/Diplomacy Center Foundation]

Presenters/Graders:

- Oleksandra Matviychuk [Center for Civil Liberties]
- Reverend Father Pavlo Protsenko [Ukrainian Armed Forces Chaplain Corps]
- Amb. Roman Waschuk [Ambassador of Canada to Ukraine, 2014-2019]
- Alexander Motyl [Rutgers University]

Issues to Consider:

- *Stable Inter-Ethnic & Class Relations*
- *Stable Inter-Faith Relations*
- *A Sense of a Common History*
- *A Sense of a Common Future*

12:30 PM – 1:00 PM Highlight Focus Session IV

Theme: How the US Can Best Help Ukraine Attain Its Euro-Atlantic Vision – US Perspective

Chair: Tamara Gallo [Executive Director/UCCA National Office]

Featured Speaker: Sen. Robert Portman (R-OH) [Co-Chair/Senate Ukraine Caucus]

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM A Final Word – Ukrainian World Congress President Paul Grod

1:15 PM – 1:30 PM Tallying the Final Grades – Summit Webmaster Andrij Dobriansky

GRADING SHEET

[1] Robust Democratic Politics – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress

Grades:

Moderator _____

Panelist 1 _____

Panelist 2 _____

Panelist 3 _____

Panelist 4 _____

Panel Avg. _____

[2] Developed Market Economics and Ever Greater Energy Security – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress

Grades:

Moderator _____

Panelist 1 _____

Panelist 2 _____

Panelist 3 _____

Panelist 4 _____

Panel Avg. _____

[3] Ever Greater General Security – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress

Grades:

Moderator _____

Panelist 1 _____

Panelist 2 _____

Panelist 3 _____

Panelist 4 _____

Panel Avg. _____

[4] Viable Social Cohesion & An Established Yet Tolerant National Identity – Assessing Ukraine’s Progress/Regress

Grades:

Moderator _____

Panelist 1 _____

Panelist 2 _____

Panelist 3 _____

Panelist 4 _____

Panel Avg. _____

SPEAKERS' BIOGRAPHIES

Anders Åslund is presently a Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council of the United States. Dr. Åslund has long engaged in monitoring the transformation of formerly socialist economies to market-based economies. While the central areas of his studies are Russia and Ukraine, he also focuses on the broader implications of economic transition. Immediately prior to his tenure at the Council, the renowned Swedish economist was Senior Fellow at the Peterson Institute of International Economics; earlier, he served as Director of the Russian/Eurasian Affairs Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington, D.C. Dr. Åslund's incisive study *Russia's Crony Capitalism: The Path from Market Economy to Kleptocracy* is considered a classic in its field

Margarita Assenova is a Senior Fellow at The Jamestown Foundation. She is a regular contributor to the Jamestown publication Eurasia Daily Monitor on political and energy security developments in the Balkans and Central Asia. Assenova is a recipient of the John Knight Professional Journalism Fellowship at Stanford University for her reporting on nationalism in the Balkans. She has authored book chapters and journal articles on security, energy, and democracy published by CSIS Press, Brassey's, Freedom House, Bertelsmann Foundation Publishers, the University of New Haven, and The Jamestown Foundation.

Stephen Blank is currently Senior Fellow at the United State Institute of Peace; immediately prior to his present position, he was Senior Researcher at the Foreign Policy Research Institute (2019-2021) and Senior Fellow on Russia at the American Foreign Policy Council (2014-2019). Earlier, Dr. Blank spent 24 years, 1989-2013, as a Professor of National Security Studies at the Strategic Studies Institute of the US Army War College in Carlisle Barracks, PA. His expertise covers the entire Russian and post-Soviet region and he has also written extensively on defense strategy, arms control, information warfare, energy issues, US foreign and defense policy, European, and Asian security.

Ariel Cohen is a well-known international expert on Ukrainian, Russian, Eurasian, European and Middle Eastern foreign, security and economic affairs; global energy security; terrorism and organized crime. He is presently Director of the Program on Energy, Growth and Security at International Tax and Investment Center; concurrently, he is a Non Resident Senior Fellow at the Atlantic Council of the United States. For many years previous, Dr. Cohen served as Senior Research Fellow in Russian and Eurasian Studies and International Energy Security at the Heritage Foundation, working closely with Congressmen and Congressional staff members and cabinet-level foreign decision makers.

William Courtney is an adjunct senior fellow at the RAND Corporation and executive director of the RAND Business Leaders Forum. In 2014 he retired from Computer Sciences Corporation as senior principal for federal policy strategy. From 1972 through 1999, he was a foreign service officer in the U.S. Department of State. Dr. Courtney co-chaired the U.S. delegation to the review conference that prepared for the 1999 Istanbul Summit of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe and advised in the reorganization of U.S. foreign affairs agencies, mandated by the Foreign Affairs Reform Act of 1999. Earlier he served as special assistant to the President for Russia, Ukraine, and Eurasia and as Ambassador to Georgia, Kazakhstan, and the U.S.-Soviet commission that implemented the Threshold Test Ban Treaty.

Katie Fox is deputy director of the Eurasia department at NDI. Prior to joining the Institute more than 15 years ago, Ms. Fox was legislative director for a large labor union as well as serving as an aide to two U.S. senators and a congressman. In her current role, Ms. Fox oversees NDI election monitoring, civic organizing and political party development programs in Ukraine, Russia, Belarus and Moldova. She has monitored elections in Bosnia, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Russia and Ukraine, and served on a NDI pre-election delegation to Ukraine in 2007.

Andriy Futey, in September 2016, was elected to a four year term as President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the representative organization of over 1.5 million Americans of Ukrainian descent; he concurrently serves as a Vice President of the Ukrainian World Congress. Mr. Futey brings more than 20 years of extensive government and campaign experience as President of Andrew J Futey & Associates. His firm provides public policy and government relations consulting, strategic planning, public affairs and campaign development strategies at the international, federal, state and local levels. June 2002, the government of Ukraine appointed him as Honorary Consul of Ukraine for the states of Ohio and Kentucky.

Alexander Gray joined AFPC as a Senior Fellow in National Security Affairs in February 2021. His work focuses on U.S. security and defense strategy in the Indo-Pacific; U.S. defense strategy and modernization for an era of Great Power competition; and the intersection of U.S. national and economic security. Mr. Gray most recently served as Deputy Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff of the National Security Council (NSC) at the White House, where he was responsible for the management of the National Security Advisor's Front Office and the budget, security, and personnel functions of the NSC.

John Herbst is former United States Ambassador to Ukraine and presently Director for Eurasia at the Atlantic Council of the United States; immediately prior to the current posting, he served as Director of the National Defense University Center for Complex Operations. Amb. Herbst has worked as a political counselor at the US embassies in Tel Aviv, Israel, Moscow, Russia, and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as the Director of Regional Affairs in the Near East Bureau of the US State Department, as Director of the Office of Independent States and Commonwealth Affairs and as Principal Deputy to the Ambassador-at-large for the Newly Independent States. He was appointed Ambassador to Uzbekistan in 2000 before assuming the post of US envoy to Ukraine in 2003.

Ben Hodges retired from the U.S. Army in January 2018 holding the rank of Lieutenant General. The West Pointer's last military assignment was as Commanding General, United States Army Europe (Wiesbaden, Germany) from 2014 to 2017. Gen. Hodges started his career as an Infantry Lieutenant in Garlstedt, Germany where he commanded Infantry units at the Company, Battalion, and Brigade levels in the 101st Airborne Division, including Command of the First Brigade Combat Team "Bastogne" of the 101st Airborne Division in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (2003-2004). His other operational assignments include Chief of Operations for Multi-National Corps-Iraq in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM (2005-2006) and Director of Operations, Regional Command South in Kandahar, Afghanistan (2009-2010). General Hodges has also served in a variety of Joint and Army Staff positions to include: Chief of Plans, 2nd Infantry Division in Korea; Aide-de-Camp to the Supreme Allied Commander Europe; Chief of Staff, XVIII Airborne Corps; and Commander, NATO Allied Land Command (Izmir, Turkey).

Glen Howard serves as the President of The Jamestown Foundation. Mr. Howard is fluent in Russian and proficient in Azerbaijani and Arabic, and is a regional expert on the Caucasus and Central Asia. He was formerly an Analyst at the Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) Strategic Assessment Center. His articles have appeared in The Wall Street Journal, the Central Asia-Caucasus Analyst, and Jane's Defense Weekly. Mr. Howard has served as a consultant to private sector and governmental agencies, including the U.S. Department of Defense, the National Intelligence Council and major oil companies operating in Central Asia and the Middle East.

Natalie Ann Jaresko is an American-born Ukrainian investment banker who served as Ukraine's Minister of Finance from December 2014 until April 2016. To that post, she brought the experience she had gained president and chief executive officer of Western NIS Enterprise Fund (WNISEF) and a co-founder and managing director of Horizon Capital, which were disbursing United States Agency for International Development (USAID) funds to small and medium-sized businesses in Ukraine and Moldova. On 20 March 2017, she was appointed as executive director of the Financial Oversight & Management Board for Puerto Rico.

Adrian Karatnycky is a senior fellow with the Atlantic Council's Program on Transatlantic Relations and managing partner of Myrmidon Group LLC, a NY-based consultancy that works with investors seeking entry into the complex emerging markets of Ukraine and Eastern Europe. He is a founder and co-director of the Ukrainian-Jewish Encounter. From 1993 to 2004, he was president and executive director of Freedom House, during which time he developed programs of assistance to democratic and human rights movements in Belarus, Serbia, Russia, and Ukraine.

Marcy Kaptur represents the working people of Ohio's Ninth Congressional District. She is currently the longest serving woman in the history of the U.S. House of Representatives and ranks among the most senior Members of the 116th Congress. Rep. Kaptur is a Co-Chair of the Congressional Ukraine Caucus. She also serves as a senior member of the powerful House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense; in that role, she has helped Ukraine garner the military assistance it needs. She truly can be said to be Ukraine's best friend on the Hill.

Ivanna Klymush-Tsintsadze is currently Chair of the Committee on Euro-Intergration in the Verkhona Rada of Ukraine; she is a leading member of the European Solidarity party within the said parliament. Immediately prior (2016-2019), Ms. Klymush-Tsintsadze served as Vice-Prime-Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine. She won high praise for her efforts while at the post.

Mariia Krupiianova currently serves as Executive Director of the Ukrainian World Congress. Prior to her appointment at the UWC, Ms. Kupriianova led a team of professionals working on behalf of United Kingdom's Department for International Trade, based at the British Embassy in Kyiv, in developing long-term high profile partnerships, spearheading large-scale bilateral trade and investment projects as well as successful trade development and communications campaigns. Ms. Kupriianova holds a number of prestigious awards, including U.K. Department for International Trade Global Champion Award for Outstanding Leadership (2018).

Ostap Kryvdyk has worked as a journalist, professional party staffer and political expert; concurrently, he has engaged in political activism and civil society work, having served as head of the creative unit for the PORA civic movement (2004) during the Orange Revolution and as International Secretary of Maidan Self-Defense (2013-14) during the Revolution of Dignity. His activity since the Revolution of Dignity has included serving as Special Advisor on foreign policy to Mr Andriy Parubiy in the latter's capacity as the Secretary of the National Defence and Security Council (2014), the First Deputy Speaker of the Parliament (2014-16) and the Speaker of the Parliament (2016-2019) as well as being a Member of Royal College of Defense Studies, London, UK (2018). Presently, Mr. Kryvyk serves as Director of the "Ukraine and the World" Program at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv.

HE Oksana Serhiyivna Markarova serves as the current Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States since February 2021. Prior to her diplomatic appointment, Ambassador Markarova served as Minister of Finance in the governments of Volodymyr Groysman and Oleksiy Honcharuk. At the her initiative, in 2015 the largest open data portal in the public finance sector E-data was created, now it consists of modules spending.gov.ua, openbudget.gov.ua and proifi.gov.ua.

Oleksandra Matviichuk currently serves as the Head of Board at the Center for Civil Liberties. The NGO she runs is one of Ukraine's leading human rights organizations, which develops legislative changes, exercises public oversight over law enforcement agencies and judiciary, conducts educational activities for young people and implements international solidarity programs. During the Revolution of Dignity, the CCL launched a "Euromaidan SOS" initiative, aimed at providing round-the-clock legal and other aid to persecuted protesters throughout the country. Since the beginning of Russian aggression in Ukraine, the initiative has started monitoring of political persecutions in the occupied Crimea and documenting war crimes and crimes against humanity during the hybrid war in the Donbas.

Alexander J. Motyl is professor of political science at Rutgers University-Newark. He served as associate director of the Harriman Institute at Columbia University from 1992 to 1998. A specialist on Ukraine, Russia, and the USSR, and on nationalism, revolutions, empires, and transition state theory, Dr. Motyl is the author of *Pidsumky imperii; Puti imperii; Imperial Ends: The Decay, Collapse, and Revival of Empires; Revolutions, Nations, Empires: Conceptual Limits and Theoretical Possibilities; Dilemmas of Independence: Ukraine after Totalitarianism; Sovietology, Rationality, Nationality: Coming to Grips with Nationalism in the USSR; Will the Non-Russians Rebel? State, Ethnicity, and Stability in the USSR.*

Tamara Gallo Olexy, in 2017, completed her second term as President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA), the representative organization of nearly one million Americans of Ukrainian descent, and returned to work heading the National Office of the UCCA in New York. In the early 1990s, Ms. Olexy was director of the Ukrainian National Information Service in Washington, DC and therefore had a uniquely convenient vantage point from which to observe key events in the modern Ukrainian state's formative history.

Steven Nix Esq. is Director of the Eurasian Division at the International Republican Institute. From 1995 to 1997, Mr. Nix served as Outside Legal Counsel for the Ukrainian Parliament's Committee on Legal and Judicial Reform. Upon his return to the U.S., he accepted a position as Senior Democracy Specialist at USAID, where he assisted in the design and implementation of democracy programs in Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States.

Roman Popadiuk, a former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine and past principal of Morgan-Lewis Consulting, presently serves as President of the Diplomacy Center Foundation and the World Affairs Councils of America's Chairman of the national Board of Directors. A retired member of the career Senior Foreign Service, Dr. Popadiuk brings more than 30 years of experience in the areas of national security, political risk analysis, communications strategy and energy policy, including serving on the National Security Councils of Presidents Ronald Reagan and George Bush. With his vast experience and contacts that span the globe, he brings a unique insight into international political and business matters.

Herman Pirchner, in 1982, became the founding President of the American Foreign Policy Council (AFPC), a non-profit public policy organization headquartered in Washington, DC. Under his leadership, AFPC has hosted the Washington visits of hundreds of foreign officials, ranging from the Prime Minister of Malta to the Prime Minister of Russia; conducted hundreds of briefings for members of Congress and their staffs; and organized dozens of fact-finding missions abroad for current and former senior American officials. AFPC's publication program includes the sponsorship of numerous articles, monographs and books; in recent years, AFPC authors have appeared in the Washington Post, the New York Times, the Financial Times, the Washington Times, and the Wall Street Journal among other prominent newspapers and magazines.

Robert Portman was elected to the United States Senate in 2010 to represent the State of Ohio, having earlier served both as a congressman and US Trade Representative. In 2015, Sen. Portman was instrumental in forming the Senate Ukraine Caucus and currently serves as its Co-chair. Concurrently, he serves on the all Important Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He and his colleagues on the Committee very recently returned from a fact finding trip to Ukraine.

o. Pavlo Protsenko is a military chaplain for the 24th assault battalion Aidar of the Armed Forces of Ukraine and a priest of the Luhansk diocese of the Orthodox Church of Ukraine. During his time on the front line, he has personally witnessed the ecumenical approach taken of Ukrainian military chaplains (be they priests Catholic or Orthodox, pastors, rabbis or imams) to all matters spiritual. He is currently engaged in researching/writing a monograph about the very different approach the ROC is taking in the occupied territories of Donbas.

Dmytro Razumkov, in the early Ukrainian parliamentary elections of 2019, was elected an MP from the political party "Servant of the People"; at the time, he was serving as the Chairman of the self same political party. On August 29, 2019 he was elected the Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine by 382 votes of the Ukrainian parliamentarians, which has been recorded as being the largest support for a candidate to the post in the history of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. Immediately previous to his parliamentary career, Speaker Razumkov served as Director and Managing Partner of the Ukrainian Consulting Group company. Early he held several regional government posts.

Michael Sawkiw, Jr., is a former President of the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA). He was first elected to the post in October 2000 in Chicago and subsequently re-elected in September 2004 in Philadelphia. Since 1996, he has served as Director of the Ukrainian National Information Service – and presently holds this position again. His key achievements in Washington have included the formation of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus in 1997; passage by US Congress of a bill to authorize the construction of a monument to the victims of the Ukrainian Famine-Genocide of 1932-1933 and preparatory work with various election observers teams that the UCCA has sent to UA during the last two decades.

James Sherr OBE is currently Senior Fellow at the Estonian Foreign Policy Institute attached to International Centre for Defence and Security in Tallinn. Immediately prior to his present posting, he was Associate Fellow at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House), where he head of the Russia and Eurasia programme between 2008 and 2011. Earlier, he served a member of the Social Studies Faculty of Oxford University from 1993 to 2012, a fellow of the Conflict Studies Research Centre of the UK Ministry of Defence from 1995 to 2008 and Director of Studies of the Royal United Services Institute (1983-85). Prof Sherr has additionally received recognition as a Visiting Fellow of the Razumkov Centre, a Senior Associate Fellow of the Institute of Statecraft and in June 2016, a GMF Bosch Fellow at the Transatlantic Academy, Washington.

William Taylor presently serves as Vice President for Strategic Stability and Security at the United States Institute of Peace. From 2011 to 2013, Ambassador Taylor was the Special Coordinator for Middle East Transitions in the State Department, appointed by the Secretary of State to ensure that U.S. support for the countries of the Arab revolutions was effective; his task was to coordinate assistance and support to Egypt, Tunisia, Libya and Syria. He served as the U.S. envoy to Ukraine, the sixth in a line of distinguished US diplomats, from 2006 to 2009.

Kurt Volker is a leading expert in U.S. foreign and national security policy with some 30 years of experience in a variety of government, academic, and private sector capacities. He served as U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations from 2017 to 2019, and as U.S. Ambassador to NATO from 2008-2009. Ambassador Volker is currently a Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA) Distinguished Fellow as well as Managing Director, International, and Co-Chair of the Advisory Board at BGR Group.

Roman Waschuk is currently the chair of the Ukrainian World Congress' Foreign Policy Commission. A veteran Canadian diplomat, Ambassador Waschuk has held various trade/security posts from Berlin to Moscow, served as bilateral envoy to Serbia-Montenegro-North Macedonia and performed the duty of Canada's envoy to Ukraine during a turbulent time in that nation's history (2014-2019).

Morgan Williams serves as President/CEO of the U.S.-Ukraine Business Council (USUBC); he was elected Chairman of the USUBC Executive Committee in 2005 and as President in 2007. Concurrently, Mr. Williams is Director of Government Affairs for the Washington Office of the SigmaBleyzer Emerging Markets Private Equity Investment Group; he became a consultant to SigmaBleyzer in 2001 and joined the company in 2004. Mr. Williams and USUBC have run hundreds of forum and seminars over the last decade and a half highlighting investment opportunities in Ukraine.

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