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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**INTERNATIONAL VISITORS AT HOFSTRA TO HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE  
TO DISCUSS VALUE OF ORGANIZING DEBATES IN THEIR COUNTRIES**

HEMPSTEAD, NY – Members of an international delegation attending the Hofstra presidential debate will hold a press conference on Tuesday to discuss their experiences staging debates in their own countries.

The visit is cosponsored by the Commission on Presidential Debates (CPD) and the National Democratic Institute (NDI) in collaboration with Hofstra University. The CPD and NDI have worked together since 1994 to help civic organizations hold their own debates in more than 30 countries, including many of those represented by members of the visiting delegation.

**WHEN:** 11:45 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16

**WHERE:** Media Filing Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Wrestling Room West

**WHO:** Stuart Rabinowitz, president, Hofstra University  
Janet Brown, executive director, Commission on Presidential Debates  
Taiwo Allimi, chairman, **Nigerian** Elections Debate Group  
Carolina Calderon Guillot, executive director, Bolivar Political Debates Commission, **Colombia**  
Trevor Fearon, advisor, **Jamaica** Debates Commission  
Jean Mensa, executive director, Institute for Economic Affairs, **Ghana**  
Zoran Stanojevic, Radio Television **Serbia**

The delegation is made up of 25 visitors from 12 countries who will attend the debate at Hofstra, exchange information about organizing debates in their own countries and get a backstage look at the organization and production of the U.S. debate. They will meet with CPD leadership and staff, television production specialists, political party officials, moderators, journalists, Hofstra leaders and public safety officials.

Many of the visitors are representatives of the International Debates Network, an organization created in 2009 with CPD and NDI assistance that now has 17 member countries. Its goal is to foster ongoing conversation and consultation among members to encourage and improve the conduct of debates around the world.

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