

BEST BUDDIES



BESTBUDDIES. GLOBAL FORUM AGENDA

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

- 10:00-19:00 Arrival & Hotel Check-In
- 19:00-21:00 Welcome Cocktail Reception

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

- 8:30-9:00 Building a More Inclusive World Together
- 9:00-9:20 A Conversation with Anthony Kennedy Shriver: The Future of a Global Movement
- 9:20-10:05 The Science of Belonging: What Communities, Workplaces, and Schools Can Learn from Human Connection
- 10:05-10:20 Coffee Break
- 10:20-11:00 Building Inclusive Communities Across Cultures
- 11:00-11:30 Leading with Strengths: Unlocking Potential and Impact
- 11:30-12:15 Best Buddies Country Program Updates
- 12:15-13:00 Networking Lunch
- 13:30-15:00 Private Tour of the Panama Canal
- 15:30-17:00 Optional 1:1 Meeting Time

THURSDAY, SEPT. 24

- 9:00-9:15 Opening Remarks & Mission Moment
- 9:15-9:45 Artificial Intelligence
- 9:45-10:15 Technology and Inclusion
- 10:15-11:00 From Posts to Impact: Using Social Media to Grow Your Mission
- 11:00-11:15 Coffee Break
- 11:15-12:00 Advancing Inclusive Employment
- 12:00-12:30 From Board Member to Trusted Advisor: Lessons in Leadership, Governance & Legal Stewardship
- 12:30-14:00 Networking Lunch
- 14:00-14:30 Best Buddies Country Program Updates
- 14:30-15:15 One Step at a Time: Building Your Fundraising Path
- 15:15-15:30 Belonging as a Global Strategy
- 16:00-17:00 Optional 1:1 Meeting Time
- 17:00-20:00 Global Forum Closing Dinner

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25

- 9:00-11:00 Hotel Checkout

SPEAKERS



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