



Lula Da Silva, Gordon Brown and Rubalcaba will participate in Madrid in 3rd Global Progress Conference

Worldwide progressive leaders will discuss the global agenda as well as the priorities of Social democracy in terms of employment, new technologies and industrial policy, the improvement of the Welfare State and the global economic governance

Former Brazilian President, Lula Da Silva, former British Prime Minister Gordon Brown, former Italian Prime Minister, Massimo D'Alema, and former Hungarian Prime Minister, Gordon Bajnai, as well as the President of the European Socialists, Poul N. Rasmussen among other global leaders and strategists, will take part in the 3rd Global Progress Conference, Organized by the Fundación IDEAS and to be held on October 18 and 19 in Madrid.

The Executive Vice President of the Fundación IDEAS, Jesús Caldera, and the President of the Center for American Progress Action Fund, Jennifer Palmieri, will inaugurate the Global Progress Conference "A Future of Progress" which, for a day and a half, will bring together, at the Hilton Hotel Madrid Airport, about two hundred progressives from the five continents, as well as the members of the New Leadership, the Global Progress Council and world leading progressive policymakers and political analysts.

Almost a year after the progressive leaders' meeting in New York, which brought together figures like Bill Clinton and Tony Blair, the Fundación IDEAS and the Center for American Progress, with the collaboration of the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Foundation, once again, will focus their debates on the present and future of progressive policies in the face of the new future challenges facing mankind.

Former Brazilian President, Lula Da Silva, will take part, on Wednesday, in a panel to analyze the various prospects for progress in order to establish a new leadership able to build and promote our Progressive future, without forgetting the successes of the past.



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The panel will also see the participation of John Podesta, President of the Center for American Progress, Elena Valenciano, Secretary for International Policy and Cooperation of the PSOE and coordinator of the election campaign of the socialist Party, Antonio José Seguro, Secretary General of the Socialist Party of Portugal, Pier Luigi Bersani, Secretary General of the Democratic Party of Italy, Victor Ponta, President of the Social democratic Party of Romania, Raymond Johansen, Secretary General of the Labour Party of Norway, Attila Mesterházy, President of the Hungarian Socialist Party, Ousmane Tanor Dieng, Secretary General of the Socialist Party of Senegal, and Lilianne Ploumen, President of the Labour Party of Holland.

Former British Prime Minister, Gordon Brown, and former Spanish Prime Minister and President of the Global Progress Council, Felipe González, will deliver a speech on Tuesday, the achievement of a global growth pact focused on job creation for the future. This is an interesting and transcendental debate which will also see the participation of Jesús Caldera, Executive Vice President of the IDEAS Foundation, Poul N. Rasmussen, President of the European Socialists, Massimo D'Alema, former Italian Prime minister, Alfred Gusenbauer, former Austrian Chancellor, Gordon Bajnai, former Hungarian Primer Minister and Pravin Gordhan, South African minister of Finance.

Alfredo Pérez Rubalcaba, socialist candidate to the Spanish presidency, will deliver the closing Conference with all the findings generated during the two days.

The discussions will focus on shaping a “New Agenda for Shared Prosperity” and the future of progressive policies. Ideas on how to create better employment opportunities for the youth and the “Y generation”, how to invest in the new technologies and revive the industrial policy, how to improve the Welfare State to move forward a true opportunity society and how to reform the economic and global governance institutions will also be discussed.

The inauguration and the closing speeches as well as the plenary sessions will be transferred through streaming on the Website of the Foundation: www.fundacionideas.es/streaming



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