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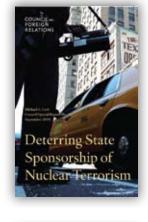
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Expertise

Scholars

CFR is home to nearly fifty regional and topic-specific scholars. Taken together, their expertise covers a wide range of international issues of local importance.

Briefings

CFR can arrange for a fellow to brief an official or group of delegates—in person or via teleconference—prior to trade missions abroad, major international meetings, or other events. CFR fellows have spoken to groups such as the California Energy Commission and the National Association of Secretaries of State's Standing Committee on International Relations.

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Convening Power

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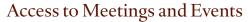


Houston mayor William H. White, CFR President Richard N. Haass, NBC special correspondent Tom Brokaw, Mississippi governor Haley Barbour, and Arizona governor Janet A. Napolitano at CFR's National Conference.









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Top from left, speaking at CFR: Timothy F. Geithner, Condoleezza Rice, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Michael Chertoff, Bill Richardson, and David A. Paterson.

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