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November 4, 2019 Global Women STEM Leaders Public Forum in St. Petersburg
"Hidden No More: Empowering Women Leaders in STEM"

[World Partnerships, Inc.](#), the Tampa Bay regional partner of the US Department of State "International Visitor Leadership Program" (IVLP), will welcome eight (8) women leaders from around the world for a 3-day professional exchange program with their counterparts in the Tampa Bay area. Participants are "hidden talent" in their home countries who explore and advance policies that champion the interests of women in STEM.

On **Monday, November 4, 2019**, World Partnerships, in collaboration with [USF St. Petersburg OPEN](#), invites the public to a "Community Conversation" with a **panel of 8 women leaders from Argentina, Egypt, Estonia, Malta, Paraguay, South Africa, Vietnam, and Zambia** to hear stories about their work, their countries, and the challenges and opportunities for women in STEM fields around the globe. **Ms. Lakshmi Shenoy, Chief Executive Officer of Embarc Collective**, will moderate the panel and audience discussion. The event is open to the public and free of charge. A reception will follow the panel discussion.

When:

Mon, November 4, 2019
6:30 PM – 9:00 PM EST

Where:

USFSP Kate Tiedemann College of Business
- Atrium & Auditorium
350 7th Avenue South
Saint Petersburg, FL 33701

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Background

Inspired by screenings of the award-winning film *Hidden Figures* at more than 120 U.S. Embassies and Consulates worldwide, this exchange program began in 2017 to highlight and develop the important contributions of women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). "Hidden No More" brings to the United States 50 women from around the world who have excelled in STEM careers such as spacecraft engineering, data solutions and data privacy, and STEM-related education. Over the course of the three-week program, these women will meet with private and public sector organizations, including National Geographic, NASA, The Smithsonian Institute and The Geena Davis Institute. They also will split into groups and travel to Boston, Massachusetts; Charleston, South Carolina; Chicago, Illinois; Greensboro, North Carolina; Huntsville, Alabama; Orlando, Florida; Pensacola, Florida; and St. Petersburg, Florida; where they will have opportunities to meet with professional counterparts and discuss strategies to advance the achievements of women in STEM. World Partnerships, Inc. was selected as their host organization in St. Petersburg.

The Walt Disney Company has partnered with the U.S. State Department on this third-annual program. "Disney is proud to partner with the U.S. State Department on this exceptional program that champions women in STEM and the indispensable contributions they're making around the globe," said Latondra Newton, senior vice president and chief diversity officer, The Walt Disney Company. "By raising awareness of the incredible talent that exists among these women and helping them amplify their powerful stories, we are helping to create a brighter future for them and for the next generation."

Local Connections

World Partnerships and OPEN have joined together to develop new and novel approaches that bring global perspectives to local and regional community engagement. While OPEN provides the "community on-ramp" to engage World Partnerships official international visitors, World Partnerships brings a "global on-ramp" for the OPEN



community to engage and connect with the World. Together OPEN and World Partnerships educate the world about Americans, and educate Americans about the World.

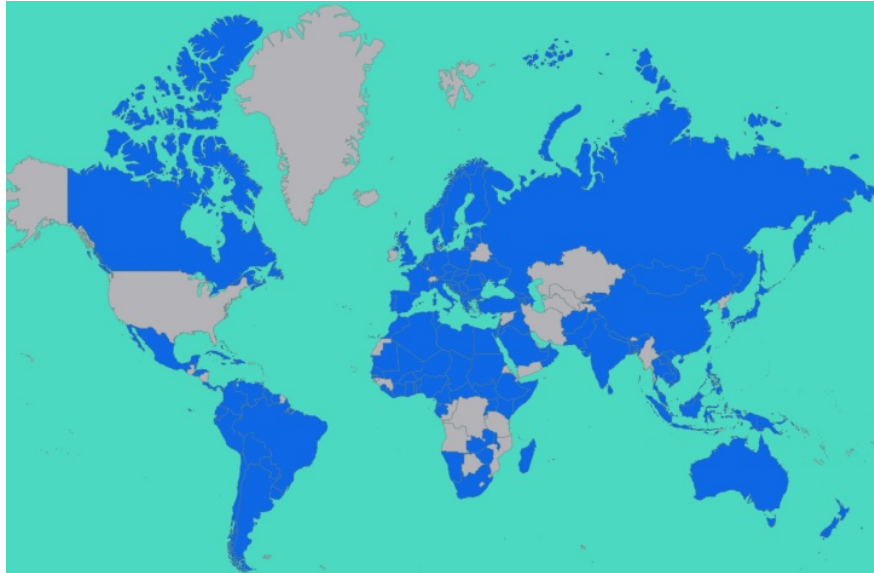
[World Partnerships](#), celebrating its 20th anniversary in 2020, has a worldwide mission for educational, cultural, commercial and professional exchange with current and emerging global leaders. World Partnerships is the official Tampa Bay regional partner of the United States Department of State's *International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP)*. They've also partnered with the State Department for the Fulbright Visiting Scholars Program, the US government's flagship international educational exchange program, and conducted training programs for Foreign Service Nationals (locally employed US Embassy staff) for State's US Foreign Service Institute. Since its founding in 2000, World Partnerships has hosted 5,000+ New Generation leaders from 194 countries. World Partnerships, Inc. is a 501-c-3, not-for-profit organization (FEIN: 59-3651710). The [International Visitor Leadership Program \(IVLP\)](#) is the U.S. Department of State's premier professional exchange program, connecting current and emerging foreign leaders with their American counterparts through short-term programs to build mutual understanding on foreign policy issues. The IVLP celebrates its 80th anniversary in 2020.

The [USF St. Petersburg Open Partnerships Education Network \(OPEN\)](#) mission is to make us smarter, better connected communities by making it easier for citizens to be inspired, educated, trained, funded and engaged in practical ways to address the issues we all face. To achieve this, OPEN provides a framework of in-person and online tools so people can connect, share, discuss and demonstrate how ideas become solutions. The Open Partnership Education Network, operated out of the University of South Florida St. Petersburg, takes a transparent cross-organizational approach to learning, synergies between institutions and individuals are identified, resources migrate organically to practical uses, and themes that transcend our city begin to take hold. This process makes us, literally, a smarter, better-connected city learning together – through OPEN. For intellectual engagement, the *Aresty Speaker Series* brings distinguished thought leaders from around the world into the OPEN community.

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**World Partnerships 2018 Milestones...
Bringing the World to Tampa Bay Since 2000!**



5,000th International Visitor!

2,000th International Journalist!

Host for 3 State Department 2018 "Special Initiatives":

"Towards a More Safe and Secure World"

"Global Threat Cooperation"

"Edward R. Murrow Program for Journalists"

First-Ever IVLP Alumni Virtual Panel Worldwide Video Broadcast!

2018 Annual Numbers:

Over \$2 million in regional economic impact!

138 Countries

429 Official State Department Visitors in 32 Projects

Over 2,000 Professional Meetings in Tampa Bay