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Welcome
Brad Lips
Chief Executive Officer, Atlas Network

Keynote Introduction
Lawson Bader
President & CEO, DonorsTrust

Keynote Address
Charles Murray
Atlas Network’s 2015 Templeton Leadership Fellow

Toast to Freedom
Yuliya Tychkivska
Atlas Leadership Academy graduate (Ukraine)

Dinner Service

Live Auction of Leonard Liggio’s first edition Atlas Shrugged
Dr. Tom G. Palmer
Executive Vice President, Atlas Network

Presentation of Templeton Freedom Award
Mrs. Josephine Templeton

Reception and Dancing
Music by The Mumblers
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MENU

First Course
Yellowfin Tuna Sashimi
Citrus Infused Extra Virgin Olive Oil

Main Course
Filet of Beef with Gorgonzola
Potato Tart, Asparagus, Shallot Marmalade,
Sauce Bordelaise

Dessert
Chocolate Lava Cake
Vanilla Bean Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce
The Templeton Freedom Award has long recognized the best in think tank excellence in the Atlas Network. This year, we present six finalists, chosen for their extraordinary achievements, each competing for the award and its $100,000 prize, and each offering something unique to the cause of liberty.

**Acton Institute: Poverty, Inc. Documentary**
*Grand Rapids, Mich., United States*

*Poverty, Inc.* is changing the culture of aid. Drawing from more than 200 interviews filmed in 20 countries, this feature-length documentary unearths an uncomfortable side of charity. By tracing paternalism from the colonial era to contemporary times, *Poverty, Inc.* helps viewers to abandon the tired paradigm of aid in favor of proven reform centered on free enterprise and human dignity. It makes a persuasive case that the most effective solutions to poverty lie in unleashing entrepreneurs to find new, innovative, and efficient ways to meet people’s needs.

**Center for Dissemination of Economic Knowledge for Freedom (CEDICE Freedom): Watchdog for Freedom and Democracy Project**
*Caracas, Venezuela*

Within the Watchdog for Freedom and Democracy project, three observatories collect and share data on property rights, legislative proposals, and public expenditures, exposing institutions undermining the autonomy of Venezuelans and building public consensus against increasing State power. More than 5,000 Venezuelans have attended Watchdog forums, and CEDICE Freedom has generated more than 2,500 press appearances — a remarkable feat in a country where the state controls 80 percent of the media.
Free Market Foundation: Khaya Lam Land Reform Project
Johannesburg, South Africa

Black South Africans had been denied property rights for decades under the apartheid regime, and between 5 and 7 million black families still lack legal title to their homes despite their new post-apartheid ownership rights. The Khaya Lam (“My Home”) project aims to correct this injustice by helping black South Africans secure fully tradable titles to their property. It has so far unlocked $4.5 million of previously dead capital for this impoverished community, and resulted in a workable blueprint for the titling of all such properties in South Africa.

Institute of Public Affairs (IPA): Repeal the Carbon Tax Campaign
Melbourne, Australia

For nearly a decade in Australia, IPA served as a consistent and leading voice of caution against the idea of a carbon trading scheme or tax, educating lawmakers and the public about its shortcomings as environmental policy and about how free societies protect the environment best. The IPA’s successful 2014 carbon tax repeal campaign demonstrated that the tax was not only costly, confusing, and ineffective, but that it actually prevented innovation in the energy industry and could not have possibly made an impact on global temperatures.

Institute for Justice (IJ): Strategic Research Program
Arlington, Va., United States

Among other issues, IJ fights civil forfeiture, eminent domain abuse, and arbitrary licensing requirements, persuading courts with robust evidence and building legal precedent for individual rights and limited government. IJ’s Strategic Research Program uses rigorous empirical analysis to demonstrate the harm caused by runaway government power. It arms its attorneys to litigate from a position of power both in court and in the media, and the results speak for themselves: although its opponent is nearly always the government, IJ wins more than 70 percent of its cases.

Tax Foundation: State Business Tax Climate Index
Washington, District of Columbia, United States

The Tax Foundation compiles its annual State Business Tax Climate Index to rank the 50 U.S. states across more than 100 tax policy provisions, awarding highest marks to states with simple, neutral, and transparent pro-growth tax climates. Low rankings grab the attention of governors and legislators who seek out personalized help from Tax Foundation experts in crafting lasting policy solutions. In the last three years, the Tax Foundation has been instrumental in shaping tax overhauls in North Carolina, Indiana, Ohio, Wisconsin, and several other states.
In 2015, we celebrate what would have been the 100th birthday of Sir Antony Fisher, a think tank pioneer who founded Atlas Network in 1981 to streamline his life’s work in building institutions to popularize the ideas of liberty.
Today, Atlas Network is the only global organization devoted to fostering and celebrating victories for liberty among a professional network of 464 independent organizations advancing freedom in 100 countries.

In this year alone:

- Our partners have consumed more than 17,000 hours of in-person and online training via our Atlas Leadership Academy.
- Our team has awarded more than $3.5 million in strategic grants and prizes to our partners.
- We have published 250 partner news updates, making AtlasNetwork.org and our World10 newsletter a major resource for keeping up with developments in the worldwide freedom movement.

The Liberty Forum is widely recognized as the international freedom movement’s most inspiring annual event. The gala Freedom Dinner—with the announcement of our sector’s most prestigious prize, the Templeton Freedom Award—serves as a fitting grand finale to an action-packed conference that highlights the best work being done to advance freedom.