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Higher Education Joins Business to Lead on Climate Action

TEMPE (February 13, 2017) – As some express concern about the future of national and global resolve in addressing sustainability and climate change, a powerful partnership of business, education, and NGO leaders will convene this February 2017. Phoenix, Arizona will become the epicenter of the “getting it done” conversation when it hosts the [2017 Presidential Climate Leadership Summit](#), the fourth annual [Sustainability Solutions Festival](#), and [GreenBiz17](#).

This unprecedented gathering with global impact is fostered by partnerships between [Second Nature](#) – convener of the largest group of higher education institutions and their senior leadership committed to carbon neutrality and resilience in the world, [Arizona State University](#) – the nation’s #1 university for innovation and home to the first comprehensive School of Sustainability, and [GreenBiz Group](#) – the leading media, research, and events organization that advances opportunities at the intersection of business, technology, and sustainability.

Second Nature’s 2017 Presidential Climate Leadership Summit will boast more than [200 attendees](#) and feature keynotes by Veerabhadran “V” Ramanathan (University of California at San Diego), Vien Truong (Green For All), Joel Makower (GreenBiz), Col. Mark “Puck” Mykleby (USMC ret.), David Orr (Oberlin College), Tony Cortese (Intentional Endowments Network), Lawrence Krauss (Origins Project, ASU), and more.

The 2017 Presidential Climate Leadership Summit will be the largest gathering of higher education presidents and chancellors commitment to climate action. Staff, faculty and senior leaders from the Climate Leadership Network– which comprises more than 600 colleges and universities in every state and the District of Columbia –will be coming together to discuss campus climate innovation and action, and how to lead as a sector.

All three events will host diverse conversations, strategy sessions, trainings, and working groups focused on applied solutions to the complex climate and sustainability problems

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facing society. For more information on the 2017 Presidential Climate Leadership Summit, view Second Nature's [agenda](#), [attendee list](#), and [event page](#).

About Second Nature

[Second Nature](#) works to proactively build a sustainable and positive global future through initiating bold commitments, scaling successful actions, and accelerating innovative solutions among leadership networks in higher education. The [Climate Leadership Commitments](#) are a signature program of Second Nature and include a Carbon Commitment (focused on reducing greenhouse gas emissions), a Resilience Commitment (focused on climate adaptation and building community capacity), and a Climate Commitment that integrates both. The Climate Leadership Network comprises more than 600 colleges and universities in every state and the District of Columbia who have committed to take action on climate and prepare students through research and education to solve the challenges of the 21st century. Learn more at: secondnature.org.

About Arizona State University (ASU)

Home to 424 Sustainability Scientists, Scholars and Fellows and a world leader in sustainability research, ASU engages other thought and practice leaders to bring together advanced initiatives and outcomes to create a better world.

About GreenBiz Group

Advancing the opportunities at the intersection of business, technology and sustainability through its websites, events, peer-to-peer network and research, GreenBiz promotes the potential to drive transformation and accelerate progress – within companies, industries and in the very nature of business. Each year, the GreenBiz Forum brings together more than 900 business and sustainability leaders and influencers to discuss business trends and practices.

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