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General Colin Powell, former Secretary of State, offers his assessment of widening opportunities in the Middle East at the conclusion of the 6th Annual Conference.

AMEI CONFERENCE OFFERS "ALL ACCESS PASS" TO LEADERS

Mingled among the hundreds of invited delegates and guests to the American Middle East Institute's 6th Annual Conference in Pittsburgh last fall were Pennsylvania's Governor, current and former Middle East diplomats, a former U.S. Secretary of State and dozens of corporate decision makers. The daylong event "set the standard" for high-level networking, according to one attendee.

Set against the dramatic architecture of two of Pittsburgh's leading venues, the eco-friendly, glass and steel showcase of the Fairmont Hotel, and the 19th Century palace of art, Carnegie Music Hall, organizers designed environments for interactive panel discussions and one-on-one personal relationship building.

The October 2013 event introduced attendees to innovative downstream energy production with special emphasis on the United States boom in shale gas production, particularly in the Marcellus and Utica Shale plays in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and New York.

General Colin Powell headlined a reception and sponsor dinner followed by an on-stage conversation with conference attendees. Powell joined a list of previous annual presenters including former secretaries of state, Dr. Henry Kissinger and Dr. Madeleine Albright, newsman Fareed Zakaria and author Thomas Friedman.



One of several, on-stage conversations at the 2013 Energy & Water, 6th Annual Business Conference at the Fairmont Hotel Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.