



**“Connectivity Is the Revolution!”**

**Geeks Without Frontiers**

**October 21, 2016**

**George Washington University**

**City View & State Conference Rooms**

**1957 E Street NW**

**Friday, October 21**

**9:00 am - Coffee**

**9:30 - Welcome & Introduction - Scott Pace, *Director of the Space Policy Institute, George Washington University***

**9:40 - “The Connectivity Challenge” - Michael Potter, *Geeks Without Frontiers***

**9:45 - Col. B. Alvin Drew, *NASA Astronaut, former White House Office of Science and Technology Policy***

**10:00-11:30 - Village Connectivity - Sustainable Internet to Villages**

**Moderator: Chris Stott, *Founder ManSat***

- **Mogens Birk, VP, Partnerships & Alliances at Bluetown, Denmark**
- **Suzanne Malloy, VP, Regulatory Affairs, O3B**
- **John Garrity, Senior Connectivity Advisor, USAID**
- **Robert Pepper, Global Connectivity and Technology Policy, Facebook**

**11:30-11.45 Coffee Break**

## 11:45-1:00 Satellite “Open Skies” - Accelerating Village Connectivity

Moderator: **Del Smith**, *Senior Space Business Counsel at Dentons*

- **Jennifer Manner**, *Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs, EchoStar*
- **Petra Vorwig**, *Senior Legal & Regulatory Counsel, SES*
- **Gonzalo de Dios**, *Associate General Counsel, Intelsat*
- **Laureen R. Cook**, *Principal TMT Advisor IFC, World Bank*

## 1:00-2:00 Lunch

“Connectivity!” **Suhas Subramanyam**, *Policy Advisor at The White House*

## 2:00-3:30 - VillageConnect - “Dig Once!” & Fiber to the Village

Moderator: **M. Aya Kiy**, *Geeks Without Frontiers*

**Keynote:** “Dig Once - International Model Law” **John Morris**, *Geeks Without Frontiers & Author of Model Dig Once Legislation*

- **Manu Bhardwaj**, *Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy and the Environment*
- **Samia Melhem**, *Lead ICT policy officer, World Bank*
- **Hibah Kamal-Grayson**, *Senior Analyst, International Public Policy, Google*
- **Niels Zibrandtsen**, *Founder of Global Connect, Internet Infrastructure company - Denmark*

## 3:30-4:00 Concluding Remarks and Call to Action

Organized in Conjunction with the **George Washington University  
Space Policy Institute**

