



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF CHICAGO

BRANDON JOHNSON
MAYOR

October 8, 2026

Dear Friends:

As Mayor, and on behalf of the City of Chicago, I am honored to extend a warm welcome to everyone gathered for the relaunch of the International Platform Association.

Chicago is proud to welcome organizations, professionals, and leaders from around the world who have come together to exchange ideas, build meaningful connections, and create opportunities for collaboration. As a global city, Chicago has long been a place where diverse perspectives come together, innovation flourishes, and partnerships are formed that extend far beyond our city limits.

Founded in 1831, the International Platform Association brings together professionals, leaders, and speakers to exchange ideas, support professional development, and build connections. As the organization relaunches in 2026 and begins a new chapter in its long history, may this gathering bring continued opportunities for collaboration and growth.

We hope your time in Chicago gives you an opportunity to experience all that our city has to offer—from our vibrant neighborhoods and world-class cultural institutions to our renowned architecture, culinary traditions, and welcoming communities.

Wishing you a memorable and enjoyable event!

Sincerely,

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Mayor