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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **2017 WORLD TRADE CREDIT & RISK SUMMIT KICKS OFF OCTOBER 17-18**

*Leading world experts to assess the state of international trade policy, credit & risk*

**WASHINGTON, D.C., September 20, 2017** – The convergence of conflicting trade policy between the East and West, the rise of nationalism, Brexit, de-globalization and the Trump White House means companies trying to conduct business across borders are faced with never-before-seen challenges. Top international thought leaders will assess and analyze these challenges during the inaugural [World Trade Credit & Risk Summit](#) to be held October 17-18 at the Ronald Reagan Building & International Trade Center in Washington, D.C.

The brainchild of [GCS Group](#), a leading authority on international credit and risk management standards, the 2017 World Trade Credit & Risk Summit welcomes professionals interested in the trends, challenges, technologies and opportunities in today's modern economy.

The two-day event features discussion panels, presentations and workshops featuring [world-renowned leaders](#) spanning government, think tanks, academia, business and trade including:

- **Hon. Joe Hockey**, former Treasurer of Australia
- **Colin Bird**, Minister-Counsellor, Embassy of Canada
- **Ken Levinson**, Executive Director, Washington International Trade Association
- **Brig. Gen. (ret.) Stephen A. Cheney**, USMC and CEO, American Security Project
- **Tomicah Tilleman, PhD**, Director, Bretton Woods II initiative at New America
- **Andrew Parasiliti, PhD**, Director, Center for Global Risk & Security, RAND Corp.
- **Scott Kennedy**, Director, Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS)
- **Kara Sutton**, Sr. Manager, Center for Global Regulatory Cooperation, US Chamber of Commerce
- **Scott Melzer**, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

[Topics](#) include US-UK-EU trade relations, trade policy through Brexit, China's One Bridge One Road, de-globalization and foreign policy, TPP and renegotiating NAFTA, EU geopolitics and Brexit ramifications on global markets, currency wars, and disruptive influences of FinTech and RegTech including Bitcoin, Blockchain, Smart Contracts and the Evolution of Trust Value Exchange.

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Registration is currently open for one or both days at <http://tradecreditrisksummit.com/register/> and free registration is available for members of the credentialed media by visiting: <http://tradecreditrisksummit.com/media-contact/>.

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GCS Group grew from humble beginnings as Neil Wood, founder and chairman of the Group, started operations in Melbourne, Australia in 1976.

Today, GCS Group extends into over 100 countries, providing credit and risk management services and tools to enable its members and customers to better and more profitably manage their businesses.

GCS Group embraces leading edge information and communication technology platforms, supported by an industry-based, globally accepted governance, risk, compliance and quality framework, recognised by leading organisations around the world.

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