

## Discussion And Luncheon With Ambassador J.D. Bindenagel

### DATE

June 2, 2014

The Indianapolis Eric M. Warburg Chapter of the American Council on Germany, Barnes & Thornburg LLP, the International Center of Indiana, the Athenaeum Foundation and the Honorary German Consul General of Chicago cordially invite you to a **Discussion and Luncheon** with **Ambassador J.D. Bindenagel**, Henry Kissinger Professor-designate for Governance and International Security, University of Bonn on "Getting Past 'No' on TTIP."

Getting past 'No' to TTIP calls for a strong justification in the proposed trade and investment agreement -- engagement with public concerns and a winning public support -- is most important. The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership has three goals. TTIP will tackle recession and unemployment with productivity and competitiveness to create jobs and growth. The partnership also gives common purpose in meeting strategic challenges for the U.S. and Europe. TTIP will help reset strategic global relationships. Basic principles are established: WTO-consistency, transparency, non-discrimination and essential regulatory equivalence. The agreement aims to eliminate all transatlantic duties on traded industrial and agriculture products, to liberalize services, remove restrictions on job-creating investments, overcome regulatory obstacles, boost innovation and lead the energy revolution. Twenty four working groups are meeting to cut tariffs and non-tariff barriers, and to forge common rules of trade and investment. The proposed agreement will reduce tariffs and lower non-tariff barriers (NTBs), significantly increasing trade, which will especially benefit small and medium-sized enterprises. The greatest economic opportunities are in improved cooperation in regulation of markets for goods and services. Ambassador Bindenagel will share his views on the TTIP negotiations.

**When:** Monday, June 2, 2014 | 11:30 a.m. (ET) Registration | noon (ET) Presentation

**Where:** Barnes & Thornburg LLP | 11 South Meridian Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204

**Cost:** Free

**Registration:** RSVP no later than May 29, by emailing Jodie Daugherty at [jodie.daugherty@btlaw.com](mailto:jodie.daugherty@btlaw.com).

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