The U.S. Speaker Program

Each year the Bureau of International Information Programs
(IIP) organizes around 1,300 traveling and electronic events for
American experts to engage with foreign audiences worldwide.

- Traveling Speakers Best-selling authors, Supreme Court Justices, former Secretaries of State, and professional coaches and athletes meet directly with foreign publics through lectures, workshops and seminars to discuss American policies, society and culture.
- Citizen Dialogue Americans, representing all religious backgrounds, travel overseas to share their experience of living in the United States and to highlight the contributions of Islam and other religions to American society.
- Digital Video Conferences and Electronic Speakers From urban centers to remote villages, American experts and people around the world are connected through digital video conferences, Webchats, Webcasts, and blogs, in English and other languages.
- Podcasts Audio files that can be placed on Embassy websites or shared with local radio stations for broadcasts are produced on all topics. Content ranges from interviews with notable Americans, to stories about American society and culture, to features highlighting specific policies.



Podcasts are heard by radio audiences around the world. Photo by Jos Verhoogen (CC)



Author Tom Wolfe speaking to journalism students at the Museo de Arte Latinamericano de Buenos Aires literary series in May, 2008.



Kathleen Marshall, Tony Award-winning Broadway choreographer-director, leads a master class at the Kannon Dance Company in St. Petersburg, Russia.