

# Global Forum Day 1: Leading the Global Recovery, Rebuilding for the Future



Day 1 of the Chamber's first [Global Forum](#) was a success. Business leaders, U.S. government officials, and foreign leaders discussed the opportunities and challenges to a dynamic global recovery.

[Chamber President and CEO Suzanne Clark opened the Forum](#) by stating, "At the U.S. Chamber, we are fiercely optimistic that better days lie ahead for all of us."

## Here are highlights from Clark's speech:

- "Our economy is poised for a great resurgence, signaled by 6.4% growth in the first quarter. But this trajectory is not a foregone conclusion. The wrong policies from government could stop the U.S. economic recovery in its tracks."
- "America is open for business. We are eager to ink new trade deals and strengthen established alliances. And we are committed to the multilateral organizations that support global trade and public health."
- "The potential for people, communities, and economies to significantly boost growth through digital commerce is vast.... So we must fight back against restrictions on data flows, regulations that stifle innovation and investment, and policies that undermine intellectual property—all of which threaten the economic recovery."

- “Achieving our desired reductions in greenhouse gas emissions while also meeting the world’s growing demand for power will require new technology—and the private sector will have to lead the way.”

**Watch these highlights from Day 1:**

- [Uhuru Kenyatta, President of Kenya](#), spoke about how his country beat back COVID-19, and how the country's economy is preparing for the future.
- [The CEOs of UPS and Softtek](#) discussed the impact of the pandemic on business and what the future looks like in emerging markets.
- [Suzanne Clark led a discussion](#) on how companies including Accenture, IBM, and Microsoft are helping countries around the world mitigate the effects of the pandemic.

**Don’t miss Day 2 of the Global Forum. [Register here.](#)**