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The Current Need For the True Spirit of Entrepreneurship

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Kavita Ramdas, President and CEO of the Global Fund for Women stresses that the United States is presently in a secure position and stable than most other parts of the world. She believes that it is right time to build the true spirit of entrepreneurship. She stresses that civilizations from other countries are all a part of the global community.



Transcript

I'll end by simply saying that I think at this moment in time that we find ourselves in the relative peace and security of a campus in the United States of America, it seems to me that the true spirit of entrepreneurship is desperately needed at a time when in the rest of the world there is hardly the kind of security that we have sitting here right now at this moment. There is hardly a sense of being at ease. We are a world at war. We are at a place in our history where there is I believe our very civilization is under attack, whether that is symbolized for us in the destruction of ancient antiquities in a place like Baghdad which is not just a part of Iraqi civilization; it's a part of our shared human civilization. I think the moment for us to think as entrepreneurs to be willing to immerse yourself in a process to make change that is inclusive and that understands that we are part of one larger family, a global community in the truest sense of that word is something that we are not only required to do; it is something we are truly obligated to do. Perhaps in the spirit of Passover, I will end with one of my favorite quotes and what I hold on to these days, which is a quote from the Talmud which is a Jewish book of wisdom. It says do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's greed. Do justly now. Walk humbly now. Love mercy now.

We are not obligated to complete the task but neither are you free to abandon it. Thank you very much.