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**TURNER CHAIRMAN AND CEO JOHN MARTIN NAMED HONORARY CO-CHAIR FOR THE 30TH ANNUAL NAMIC CONFERENCE**

**NEW YORK, NY – June 29, 2016 -- John Martin**, chairman and chief executive officer, Turner, has been named honorary co-chair for the **30th Annual NAMIC Conference**. Presented by the **National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications (NAMIC)**, the 30th Annual NAMIC Conference is scheduled for September 20-21, 2016 at the New York Marriott Marquis in New York City. Held as part of the cable industry's *Diversity Week*, the theme for this year's conference is **Diversity 3.0—Innovation through Inclusion**.

"John is among cable's most distinguished business leaders and we are honored to have him on-board this year," said **Egdon E. Simons**, NAMIC's president and CEO. "With 2016 marking the 30th anniversary of the NAMIC conference, we are extremely pleased to have the continued support of Turner, an esteemed diversity champion and innovator, and a company that shares our goal of advancing inclusion in all aspects of our business."

In his role as Turner's chairman and chief executive officer, Martin oversees a portfolio of some of the world's most recognizable media networks, brands and businesses including: CNN, TBS, TNT, Turner Classic Movies (TCN), truTV, Cartoon Network, Adult Swim, Bleacher Report and Turner Sports. Prior to joining Turner, Martin spent 12 years at Time Warner in various executive management roles including senior vice president of Investor Relations until being named executive vice president and chief financial officer in August of 2005; and Time Warner's chief financial officer in 2008.

A member of the board of trustees of Columbia University's business school, where he received an MBA, Martin also serves on the boards of the United Negro College Fund and the Paley Center for Media.

Martin commented: "Diversity, inclusion and mutual respect are integral to our culture at Turner, and I believe essential to our success and the future of our business. We are proud to partner with NAMIC on their 30th annual conference, which provides a unique opportunity for our industry to place a spotlight on diversity and inclusion as a necessity for growth and innovation."

The **30th Annual NAMIC Conference** will be highlighted by an impressive roster of the industry's notable business leaders and subject-matter experts. This year's agenda will focus on three learning tracks: Business Solutions, Content & Imagery and Leading & Learning. Commencing with the **Breakfast Recognizing the Cablefax 2016 Most Influential Minorities in Cable**, the conference will also be highlighted by the **L. Patrick Mellon Mentorship Program Luncheon**, informative **General Sessions**, the **Excellence in Multicultural Marketing Awards**, evening receptions and other networking opportunities.

For more information or to access online registration for the 30th Annual NAMIC Conference [namic.com/events](http://namic.com/events) or contact Sandra Girado, vice president of Events and Partner Relations, NAMIC, at 212-594-5985 or via email at [sandra.girado@namic.com](mailto:sandra.girado@namic.com). Group registration discounts are available for multiple attendees from the same company.

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## **ABOUT NAMIC**

NAMIC (National Association for Multi-ethnicity in Communications) is the premier organization focusing on multi-ethnic diversity in the communications industry. Founded in 1980 as a non-profit trade association, today NAMIC comprises 2,800 professionals belonging to a network of 16 chapters nationwide. Through initiatives that focus on education, advocacy and empowerment, NAMIC champions equity and inclusion in the workforce, with special attention given to ensuring that the leadership cadres of our nation's communications industry giants reflect the multi-ethnic richness of the populations they serve. Comcast | NBCUniversal, Time Warner Cable and Turner Broadcasting System, Inc. are NAMIC's Platinum Annual Corporate Sponsors. For more information, please visit [www.namic.com](http://www.namic.com) and stay connected to NAMIC on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.

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