



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## Member / Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original  Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, B-81 Cannon House Office Building, within 15 days after travel is completed. Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

- Name of Traveler: Congressman Bobby L. Rush
- a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Paulette Holloway Rush OR None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Dates: Departure: August 12, 2019 Return: August 19, 2019  
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
- Departure City: Chicago Destination: Kigali, Muganga & Rw Return City: Chicago
- Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: The Aspen Institute, Inc. Congressional Program
- Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please refer to accompanying documentation.

- Attached to this form are *each* of the following, signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box:
  - a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor *prior* to the trip, *including all* attachments *and* the *Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms*;
  - page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; *and*
  - the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
- a. I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda.  
 Signify statement is true by checking the box:   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge. I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature: *Bobby L. Rush*

Date: August 28, 2019



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## Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip *within ten days of their return*. You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)

2. Travel Destination(s): Kigali, Muganga, and Musanze in Rwanda

3. Date of Departure: August 12, 2019 Date of Return: August 19, 2019

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Bobby Rush and Paulette Rush

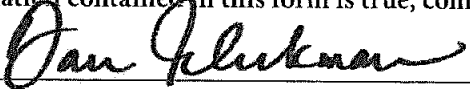
*Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if all information is identical for each person listed.*

5. Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$8,100	\$1000	\$420	\$525; Conf. expenses incl. meeting space & AV services, visa costs
Accompanying Family Member	\$8,100	\$0	\$420	\$525; Conf. expenses incl. meeting space & AV services, visa costs

6. All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box:

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: Aug. 27, 2019

Name: Dan Glickman Title: Vice President

Organization: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program) Executive Director, Congressional Program

I am an officer of the above-named organization. Signify statement is true by checking box:

Address: 2300 N Street, NW, Washington, DC 20037

Telephone: Deputy General Counsel Lisa Jones: 202-736-5859 Email: lisa.jones@aspeninst.org

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Congressman Bobby L. Rush
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
3. Travel Destination(s): Kigali, Muganga, & Musanze in Rwanda
4. a. Date of Departure: August 12, 2019 Date of Return: August 19, 2019  
 b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
 If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No If yes:  
 (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Paulette Holloway Rush  
 (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
 (3) Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  Yes  No  
 b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_
7. *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms:  Yes  No  
 NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
 As Chairman of the Subcommittee on Energy, his expertise on energy matters will contribute to the tpurpose of the  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 conference. Additionally, information shared and learned will be useful in relying to his consitituency.  
 \_\_\_\_\_
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?  Yes  No
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



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## Primary Trip Sponsor Form

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent.  
Signify that the statement is true by checking box:
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a. The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip:  OR
  - b. The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds:  OR
  - c. The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; Henry Luce Foundation; Rockefeller Brothers Fund foundation; Democracy Fund foundation; Eleanor Crook Foundation
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
See attached list
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of Departure: August 12, 2019 Date of Return: August 19, 2019
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC or the district  
b. Destination(s): Kigali, Muganga, and Musanze in Rwanda  
c. City of return: Washington, DC or the district
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a. The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965:  OR
  - b. The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent:  OR
  - c. The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
  - c. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night:  OR
  - d. I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights:  If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_



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10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box:*
11. **Check only one of the following:**
- a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*  **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education:
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
- Aspen Institute's Congressional Program (AICP) provides non-partisan educational forums for members of Congress on public policy issues. AICP has organized and will conduct the conference and has selected and invited the attendees. The foundations listed in question 3C provide grant funding to AICP generally, they do not play a role in organizing or conducting the conference.
13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**
- a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)
- c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
- \_\_\_\_\_
14. I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*
15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:
- a. The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees:  **OR**
- b. The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation:
- If "b" is checked:
- 1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): \$80
- \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Rwanda provides the opportunity for site visits to view the examples of the impact of US-funded projects in Africa.
- \_\_\_\_\_
16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
- Hotel Name: Kigali Serena Hotel City: Kigali, Rwanda Cost Per Night: \$200
- Reason(s) for Selecting: Private meeting space; conference technology; food safety; security; all key factors
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_
- Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
- Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_
- Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_
17. I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box:*



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**18. Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates			
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$7400	\$1000	\$420
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$7400	\$0	\$420

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$525	Conference expenses including meeting space and audio/visual services; visa cost
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$525	Conference expenses including meeting space and audio/visual services; visa cost

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**19. Check only one:**

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below:  **OR**
- b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

21. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: July 12, 2019

Name: Dan Glickman

Title: Vice President, Aspen Institute; Executive Director, Congressional Program

Organization: The Aspen Institute, Inc

Address: 2300 N St NW Ste 700 Washington, DC 20037

Telephone: (202) 736-5859 (Lisa Jones)

Email: lisa.jones@aspeninstitute.org

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee at the following address:

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**U.S. House of Representatives**  
**1015 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515**  
**Phone: 202-225-7103 General Fax: 202-225-7392**

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1. I certify that (name of your organization): The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  
 Yes  No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)
3. I certify that my organization (*complete a or b*):
  - a.  Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. *or*
  - b.  Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
(destination) \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ that is  
being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check one:
  - a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent *or*
  - b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Kim Webber

Title: Associate Program Officer

Organization: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Address: Po Box 6178, Franklin Station, Washington, DC 20044

Telephone number: 202-662-8195

Email: kim.webber@gatesfoundation.org

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1. I certify that (name of your organization): The Henry Luce Foundation  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  
 Yes  No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Aspen Institute Congressional Program
3. I certify that my organization (complete a or b):  
a.  Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. *or*  
b.  Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to \_\_\_\_\_ (destination) \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check one:  
a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent *or*  
b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Toby Alice Volkman

Name: Toby Alice Volkman

Title: Secretary + Director of Policy Initiatives

Organization: The Henry Luce Foundation

Address: 51 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10010

Telephone number: 212-489-7700

Email: tvolkman@hluce.org

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1. I certify that (name of your organization): Rockefeller Brothers Fund  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  
 Yes  No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Aspen Institute Congressional Program
3. I certify that my organization (complete a or b):
  - a.  Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. or
  - b.  Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
(destination) \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ that is  
being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check one:
  - a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent or
  - b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name: STEPHEN HEINTZ Title: PRESIDENT

Organization: Rockefeller Brothers Fund

Address: 475 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10115

Telephone number: 212-812-4389 Email: sheintz@rbf.org

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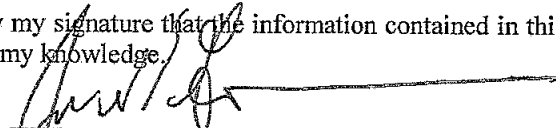
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1. I certify that (name of your organization): Democracy Fund  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  
 Yes  No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: Aspen Institute
3. I certify that my organization (*complete a or b*):
  - a.  Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. or
  - b.  Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
(destination) \_\_\_\_\_ on (date) \_\_\_\_\_ that is  
being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor.
4. Check one:
  - a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent or
  - b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.  
  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Joseph Goldman Title: President  
Organization: Democracy Fund  
Address: 1333 New Hampshire Ave, Suite 730, Washington DC 20036  
Telephone number: 202-465-8525 Email: jgoldman@democracyfund.org

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1. I certify that (name of your organization): The Eleanor Crook Foundation  
has been designated a § 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service.  
 Yes  No
2. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: The Aspen Institute, Inc.
3. I certify that my organization (complete a or b):
- a.  Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. or
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5. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.
6. I certify by my signature that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: W. Moore

Name: William Moore Title: Executive Director

Organization: The Eleanor Crook Foundation

Address: 227 N. Mitchel Ave., San Marcos, TX 78666

Telephone number: (919) 218-5610 Email: william@eleanorcrookfoundation.org

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The Honorable Bobby Rush  
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Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Rwanda,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for August 12 to 19, 2019, sponsored by Aspen Institute, Inc., with financial support from Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, Henry Luce Foundation, Rockefeller Brothers Fund, Democracy Fund, and Eleanor Crook Foundation.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$390] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Sergeant at Arms (SAA) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. SAA may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Theodore E. Deutch in blue ink.

Theodore E. Deutch  
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Kenny Marchant in blue ink.

Kenny Marchant  
Ranking Member

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Answer to Question 4 – House Ethics Primary Trip Sponsor Form Aspen

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**4. Provide names and titles of all House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited.**

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5. Rep. Mark DeSaulnier, CA, Committee on Education and Labor
6. Rep. Neal Dunn, FL, Committee on Agriculture
7. Rep. Brian Fitzpatrick, PA, Committee on Foreign Affairs
8. Rep. Bill Foster, IL, Committee on Science, Space and Technology
9. Rep. Lois Frankel, FL, Committee on Appropriations
10. Rep. John Garamendi, CA, Committee on Armed Services
11. Rep. Kay Granger, TX, Committee on Appropriations
12. Rep. Brian Higgins, NY, Committee on Ways and Means
13. Rep. Chrissy Houlahan, PA, Committee on Foreign Affairs
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15. Rep. Rick Larsen, WA, Committee on Armed Services
16. Rep. Barbara Lee, CA, Committee on Appropriations
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18. Rep. Kathleen Rice, NY, Committee on Homeland Security
19. Rep. Martha Roby, AL, Committee on Appropriations
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22. Rep. Norma Torres, CA, Committee on Appropriations
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# AFRICA'S ECONOMIC, SECURITY, AND DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES AND THE U.S. ROLE

The Aspen Institute Congressional Program  
August 12-19, 2019

Kigali, Musanze, and Muhanga, Rwanda

## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### MONDAY, AUGUST 12

American participants depart the U.S. for Rwanda

*Rep. Bobby Rush and Mrs. Paulette Rush depart Chicago at 9:30 AM on Ethiopian flight 511*

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

All participants arrive in Kigali, Rwanda

*Rep. Bobby Rush and Mrs. Paulette Rush arrive in Kigali at 12:40 PM on Ethiopian flight 807*

#### **6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

*Working Dinner*

Scholars and Members of Congress will explore covered topics. Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily.

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

#### **7:00 AM**

Breakfast is available

#### **8:00 AM – 9:00 AM**

*Breakfast Remarks  
and Discussion*

#### **THE RWANDAN GENOCIDE: RECOVERING FROM NATIONAL TRAUMA**

Nations all over the world have wrestled with ethnic strife and internal conflict and have taken various routes to reconciliation, some more successful than others. Women played a key role in the rebuilding of the country in the aftermath of the 1994 genocide (when 70 percent of the remaining population was women). We will hear from a leading scholar of Rwandan history and politics on the genocide's effects on the country's policies, politics and development.

*Jennie Burnet, Associate Professor, Georgia State University*

#### **9:00 AM – 9:30 AM**

Transit to Kigali Genocide Memorial

#### **9:30 AM – 11:00 AM**

*Educational Site Visit*

#### **KIGALI GENOCIDE MEMORIAL**

In 1994 Rwanda suffered a massive ethnic conflict resulting in the deaths of 800,000 over a 100-day period. How Rwandans

reconciled with each other and recovered from this tragic period also informs the country's contemporary development and state of politics. The purpose of this visit to the Memorial, where 250,000 victims are buried, is intended to provide Members of Congress the historical context of the conflict and the magnitude of its impact. This understanding of the tragedy and the role development assistance has played in bringing the country from the depth of devastation to a model of recovery is essential as they develop federal policy.

*Serge Rwigamba, head guide, Kigali Genocide Memorial*

**11:00 AM – 11:30 AM**

Return transit to hotel

**12:00 PM – 1:00 PM**

*Working Lunch*

Discussion continues between Members of Congress and scholars on the challenges for U.S. policy in Africa in the context of recovery from the Rwandan genocide.

**1:30 PM – 2:00 PM**

Transit to Gahaya Links

**2:00 PM – 3:30 PM**

*Educational Site Visit*

**GAHAYA LINKS – TRANSFORMING WOMEN, TRANSFORMING RWANDA**

We will visit Gahaya Links, which is an initiative started by two sisters who survived the Rwandan genocide in refugee camps in Uganda. The young girls returned to Rwanda as adults and realized women needed jobs, income and social support. They started this handicraft export company which now is a multimillion dollar enterprise that helps sustain a network of 5,000 weavers in 52 cooperatives around the country whose work is exported thanks to the Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) passed by the U.S. Congress. Sisters Joy Ndungutse and Janet Nkubana will explain their success story that has provided income and opportunity for Rwandan women through traditional weaving. This is a great example of how U.S. policy (AGOA) has a positive impact on Rwanda's economic development and women's empowerment.

*Joy Ndungutse, CEO and Founder*

**3:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

Return transit to hotel

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

*Pre-Dinner Remarks  
and Discussion*

**THE PERSPECTIVE FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY**

*Belinda Jackson Farrier, Charge d'Affaires  
Gene MacDonald, Rwanda Country Director  
Centers for Disease Control  
Leslie Marbury, USAID Mission Director  
Beth Smith, Political Officer*



**7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**  
*Working Dinner*

Scholars and Members of Congress will explore covered topics. Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily.

## **THURSDAY, AUGUST 15**

**7:00 AM – 8:30 AM**

Breakfast is available

**8:45 AM – 9:00 AM**

### **INTRODUCTION AND FRAMEWORK**

The American and African scholars for the conference will be briefly introduced. This segment will highlight how the conference will be conducted, how those with questions will be recognized and how responses will be timed to allow for as many questions and answers as possible. This format is especially important to guarantee full participation with so many knowledgeable and experienced people around the table.

*William Nell, Deputy Director, Aspen Institute Congressional Program*

**9:00 AM – 11:00 AM**  
*Roundtable Discussion*

### **THE STATE OF DEMOCRACY, CIVIL SOCIETY, AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFRICA AND THE ROLE THEY PLAY IN DEVELOPMENT**

Is Democracy a precondition for sustained economic growth? Political theorists have wrestled with this question. The governance record in Africa lists a minority of countries as democracies. Freedom House ranks the majority of African countries as “not free” or “partly free.” Few feature inclusive political structures, and many institutions are weak in the face of authoritarian tendencies. What is the relationship of governance to economic development and what is its relevance to American foreign policy?

*Steve Radelet, Director, Global Human Development Program, Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University*

**11:30 AM – 11:50 AM**

Members of Congress travel to meeting with Rwanda’s President

**12:00 PM – 1:50 PM**

### **RWANDA’S CHALLENGES AND AMERICAN INTERESTS**

*Paul Kagame, President of Rwanda*

**1:50 PM – 2:10 PM**

Members of Congress travel back from meeting with Rwanda’s President

**2:10 PM – 3:00PM**  
*Working Lunch*

Discussion continues between Members of Congress and scholars on the challenges for U.S. policy regarding Africa’s governance, inequality, food and population challenges.

**3:00 PM – 5:00 PM**

**NUTRITION, FOOD SECURITY & AFRICA'S ABILITY TO FEED ITS GROWING POPULATION AND THE LINKS TO U.S. INTERESTS**

Seventy percent of Africa's farmers are smallholders, many of them women. While there are large and highly productive farm operations in almost every country, raising the productivity of smallholders as a way to pull them out of poverty has been the objective of donors and aid implementers for a number of years, including that of the U.S. Feed the Future initiative. Rwanda has made great strides over the last decade to increase farm yield and reduce hunger. With Africa's considerable natural resources, many believe that the continent is quite able to feed itself and to become a food exporter. But, fast population growth together with growing preferences for protein-rich diets, increasing urbanization, and environmental stresses will put pressures on farm yield. Severe weather events and bad governance, including conflicts in some countries, have produced some of the world's worst humanitarian crises in which access to food is made difficult. The Feed the Future program seeks to raise productivity, empower women farmers, and raise family income, particularly in those countries that make similar commitments. Rwanda was a Feed the Future country since the beginning of the program in 2010. In 2017, the initial set of 19 focus countries was reduced to 12 with Rwanda no longer included. Two African scholars will address the nutrition challenges and food security situation in Africa and its connection to U.S. policy.

*Amy Beeler, Economic Growth Officer, USAID, Kigali*  
*Tsinuel Girma Nigatu, Professor,*  
*Jimma University, Jimma, Ethiopia*  
*Tadele Gelan, Deputy Chief of Party,*  
*Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa*

**6:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

*Working Dinner*

Scholars and Members of Congress will explore covered topics. Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily.

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 16**

**7:00 AM – 8:45 AM**

Breakfast is available

**9:00 AM – 10:45 AM**

*Roundtable Discussion*

**U.S. INTERESTS AND POLICIES IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: CHANGE OR STATUS QUO?**

Sub-Saharan Africa comprises 49 diverse countries, each with its own histories, levels of economic and political development, cultures, and languages. Since gaining independence from European powers, many have experienced conflict and poverty, while others have made great strides toward achieving middle income status. The United States, Europe, China and Russia consider Africa as having strategic value for its oil, mineral

resources, and land. It is a continent that also poses threats to American and global interests such as a source of terrorism, concerns about disease, food security, and refugees, to name a few.

A number of current and ongoing challenges confront countries on the continent. Droughts, conflicts and bad governance contribute to situations that have put more than 65 million people at risk of famine and have added migration pressures on Europe. Terrorist groups, such as al-Qaeda, Al-Shabaab and Boko Haram take advantage of ungoverned territories, often requiring U.S. military involvement. Weak health systems allow disease outbreaks to spread across borders and from one continent to another. Rapid population growth is predicted to double Africa's population in the next 30 years, putting enormous pressures on every aspect of society, from unemployment to food insecurity to energy demand. The United States has responded to these challenges with robust foreign assistance programs primarily targeted at health (the President's Emergency Plan for AIDs Relief – PEPFAR, the President's Malaria Initiative, and maternal and childhood health programs), agriculture (Feed the Future), and energy (Power Africa), in addition to democracy and security programs.

Africa also presents opportunities. Some countries in Africa have experienced very high annual economic growth rates and represent expanding markets for U.S. companies to access new customers and new sources of natural resources. Initiatives sparked by AGOA, which we will see this week, are illustrative. The number of democracies has grown on the continent although authoritarian regimes in some states restrict the rights of their citizens and the press. The United States has taken a strong interest in Africa with a large number of development and trade initiatives. A military command, AFRICOM, was created in 2006 to work with African militaries and to respond to humanitarian crises.

These initiatives are under review by the administration as some officials have signaled their skepticism of U.S. aid and development programs, suggesting that it is time to rethink how the United States engages with developing countries. Others believe that proposals to cut assistance and transition countries off assistance will have negative impacts on economic growth and with our bilateral relations with countries in the region. In this roundtable, U.S. and African scholars will offer their thoughts on how U.S. policies have affected the region and the opportunities and challenges present for the United States to move forward.

***Dr. Agnes Binagwaho***, former Rwandan  
*Minister of Health, Kigali*

*Steve Radelet, Director, Global Human Development Program,  
Walsh School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University*

**10:45 AM – 12:30 PM**  
*Roundtable Discussion*

**WHY A HEALTHY AFRICA IS IN AMERICA'S INTERESTS**

The outbreak of Ebola in West Africa demonstrated the weaknesses in some countries' health systems, and the incidents of Ebola in the Congo, now the world's second deadliest outbreak with over 1,600 deaths in the last 12 months, have heightened awareness of the fragility of the health care in many African countries. The World Health Organization has declared the Congo outbreak a global health emergency. Rwanda has instituted strict monitoring at its borders and has trained its medical professionals to be prepared if called upon to respond.

At the height of the HIV/AIDS epidemic, Sub-Saharan Africa was considered the poster child of bad practices with regard to disease management and treatment. Since the advent of PEPFAR, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief – an initiative that was equally shaped by Congress, prevalence rates have stabilized and in some cases declined and effective treatment has extended lives. African countries are increasingly taking on a greater role in HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment leading some U.S. policy makers to believe some countries can be transitioned off PEPFAR funding. Other diseases, such as malaria and tuberculosis, continue to pose serious problems.

Tackling chronic hunger and related stunted growth of children has become a major focus of aid programs. At the same time, obesity is becoming more prevalent as wealthier populations adopt a more western-style diet. Doctors Epstein, Nsanzimana, Sebisaho and John McKay will address why a healthy Africa is in America's interests.

*Dr. Jonathan Epstein, Vice President,  
Ecohealth Alliance, New York*

*John McKay, Health Officer, U.S. Embassy, Kigali*

*Dr. Sabine Nsanzimana, Director General,  
Rwandan Biomedical Center*

*Dr. Jacques Sebisaho, Founder, Amani Global Works,  
Lake Kivu, Democratic Republic of the Congo*

**12:30 PM – 2:00 PM**  
*Working Lunch*

**WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT IN RWANDA**

Women lack an equal share in the political decision-making in many African countries. Rwanda is a notable exception with the highest percentage of women in its national legislature of any country, over 60%. Is there a quota system contributing to this outcome? Do women face any different barriers to political office? Does a female majority in the legislature impact the types of issues lawmakers consider? This discussion will feature female Rwandan

parliamentarians who will review these and other aspects of the role of women in Africa's governance.

**Senator Marguerite Nyagahura**, Vice Chair,  
*Committee on Social Affairs and Human Rights*

**Rep. Emma Rubagumya**, Chair,  
*Committee on Political Affairs and Gender*

**Rep. Odette Umawariya**, Deputy Chair,  
*Committee on Economy and Trade*

**2:15 PM – 2:30 PM**

Transit to hospital

**2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**

*Educational Site Visit*

**CHUK HOSPITAL AND HIV TREATMENT CENTER**

The CHUK hospital has a 395-bed capacity and offers emergency care, intensive and high-dependency care, and surgical care. CHUK's HIV dedicated clinic is currently treating over 600 children under the age of 15, and 2,700 adults. Of those patients, 247 children and 2,340 adults are currently on Anti-Retroviral treatment (ARV). Ten years ago 90% of the patients seen at CHUK were there for HIV/AIDS treatment, and the hospital suffered from chronic overcrowding. Today, as a result of the progress made in treating AIDS, most of the hospital's HIV patients are for outpatient treatment, and the hospital has worked to disburse them throughout the entire facility, rather than in a centralized HIV/AIDS clinic, in order to reduce the stigma. Its Center for Pediatric Excellence has a cohort of HIV patients that receive treatment and counseling services. Throughout the visit we will hear from doctors and nurses treating patients and at the Pediatric Center we will have the opportunity to talk with patients about their experience living with AIDS in Rwanda. We will hear testimonials from patients whose lives have benefitted from this American involvement to reduce the HIV-AIDS impact in Africa.

We will also incorporate into this visit an explanation about innovative medical work done to make male circumcision easier. Numerous studies have shown that circumcision cuts HIV/AIDS transmission by 60%. Medical research at a separate military hospital which partners with the U.S. Department of Defense in Kigali has developed a nonsurgical, effective method for circumcision without anesthetic utilizing a \$12 ring device, which has been used successfully by 130,000 Rwandan men in a program called Voluntary Medical Male Circumcision. This program receives \$3 million annually in U.S. support through the Department of Defense.

Cases of Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) are also treated at CHUK hospital. Half of all deaths of children under five years old are from

malnutrition. Dr. Sabin Nsanzimana, Director General of the Rwanda Biomedical Center, who will be participating with us throughout our time in Rwanda, will explain what steps are being taken to address the SAM patients at the hospital, with implications for broader treatment of malnutrition.

Patients in hospitals in Africa have to depend on family members or outside sources for food. Isabelle Kamariza founded an organization called Solid'Africa to do just that, and her group operates at the CHUK hospital. She will be with us and will explain her project.

***Dr. Sabin Nsanzimana, Director General,  
Rwanda Biomedical Center, Kigali  
Dr. Lisine Tuyisenge, CHUK Hospital, Kigali  
Canisius Musoni, Centers for Disease Control  
Isabelle Kamariza, Founder and Director, Solid'Africa, Kigali***

**4:00 PM – 4:15 PM**

Return transit to hotel

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

*Pre-Dinner Remarks*

**THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN AFRICA'S DEVELOPMENT**

Women represent half the African population but they contribute only 37% of the GDP. Yet 27% of women in Africa create a business—the highest rate on a global scale. Women are and continue to be a powerful driving force in Africa's development, despite having to overcome huge disadvantages of gender bias, disparities in educational opportunities (African men are twice as likely to have completed secondary education as women and only 51% of African women over 18 are literate compared to 68% of men), limited access to support structures such as finance and bearing disproportionate responsibilities for child raising (Africa's average birthrate is the highest in the globe). We will hear testimonials from two successful African women whose stories are inspirational examples of the potential for women's role in Africa's development.

***Agnes Igoye, Deputy National Coordinator, Prevention of  
Trafficking in Persons, Kampala  
Isabelle Kamariza, President, Solid'Africa, Kigali  
Dorothy Tuma, Chair, East African Women in Business, Kampala***

**7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

*Working Dinner*

Scholars and Members of Congress will explore covered topics. Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. We will be joined by three female Members of the Rwandan Parliament.

## **SATURDAY, AUGUST 17**

**6:30 AM – 7:30 AM**

Breakfast is available

**7:30 AM – 9:45 AM**

Depart hotel and travel by minibus to Musanze, 45 miles on paved road, for site visits. On-board commentary and discussion provided by accompanying scholars during transit to site visits to ensure that Members of Congress have an understanding of the development challenges we will observe in today's three visits.

**9:45 AM – 10:00 AM**

Refreshment stop at hotel in Musanze

**10:00 AM – 10:10 AM**

Continue transit to hydropower plant

**10:10 AM – 11:10 AM**

*Educational Site Visit*

### **MICRO-HYDROPOWER PROJECT**

Much of Rwanda still lacks a reliable source of electricity. USAID's Power Africa initiative, a program authorized by Congress, is designed to help economic development by assisting in the generation of electrical power to help lift Africans out of poverty. For example, Ethiopia is considering a massive geothermal power generation project. Rwanda has a major solar farm south of Kigali, and a method of generating power from methane gas extracted from nearby Lake Kivu, a process unique in the world, which supplies one-fourth of the country's power.

Just south of Musanze we will visit a small micro-hydro power plant on the Mpenge River, which provides 1% of the Rwanda's electrical power needs. This project was made possible by a USAID-funded \$500,000 feasibility study, which then was the basis for a small group of U.S. investors to raise the capital for the \$15 million project, which sells power to Rwanda's national utility. Chad Bannick, a Minnesota native, is one of these American investors and he will explain the project.

***Chad Bannick, CEO, DC Frontier***

**11:10 AM – 11:20 AM**

Transit to next site

**11:20 AM – 12:50 PM**

*Educational Site Visit*

### **EXPANDING AFRICA'S AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION**

With over 70% of Rwandans reliant on agriculture production for their sustenance and livelihood, increasing yields is a key to economic development and better health. One approach of USAID's Feed the Future program provides assistance to smallholder farmers through a series of agriculture extension agents who receive training in better practices that these agents convey to their own agricultural communities. Practices taught include how to plant seeds more effectively, using hybrid seeds that provide higher yield, effective water distribution and use, and the basics of agricultural management practices such as sound use of fertilizer. We will visit one rural community of smallholder farmers to learn how they have benefitted from

these programs. USAID is spending \$38 million in this activity in Rwanda over a five-year period of 2015-2020. Last year, the number of Feed the Future focus countries was reduced from 19 to 12, removing Rwanda.

***John Ames**, Chief of Party, Twiyubake Program,  
Global Communities Rwanda*

***William Herkewitz**, USAID, Rwanda*

**12:50 PM – 1:00 PM**

Transit to refreshment stop at hotel in Musanze

**1:00 PM – 1:15 PM**

Refreshment stop at hotel in Musanze

**1:15 PM – 1:25 PM**

Transit to poultry project

**1:25 – 2:10 PM**

*Educational Site Visit*

**POULTRY PROMOTION PROJECT**

Production of chickens for human consumption is not widely done in Rwanda. However, chicken meat is a good source of animal protein, and with nearly 40% of the Rwandan population suffering various levels of stunted growth from lack of protein, USAID has embarked on a three-year program to jumpstart poultry production. This project, Feed the Future Tworore Inkoko, Twunguke, is a three-way effort with \$834,000 from USAID with additional support from the University of Tennessee Institute of Agriculture and the African Sustainable Agriculture Project (the humanitarian philanthropic arm of Tyson's Chickens in the U.S.). This project identifies 750 smallholder Rwandan farmers who will each receive 100 broiler chickens, training from American expertise on how to raise chickens, and assistance in building chicken coops. The project supports a chicken feed supply chain that can service the entire country. The concept is to foster a wider use of chicken raising, and chicken consumption that will help the economic viability of these smallholder farmers and increase the nutrient intake in the Rwandan diet.

***Katie McGehee**, Director, African  
Sustainable Agriculture Project*

**2:10 PM – 4:40 PM**

Return transit to hotel in Kigali. On-board commentary and discussion between scholars and Members about their observations from the day's site visits.

**6:30 PM – 9:00 PM**

*Working Dinner*

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***Gabrielle Abesamis*** of Illinois;  
***Mari Grover*** of Michigan;  
***Nile Lang*** of California;  
***Grace Lovell*** of California;  
***Gustavo Fierros*** of California

## **SUNDAY, AUGUST 18**

**6:30 AM – 7:45 AM**

Breakfast is available

**7:45 AM – 8:45 AM**

Transit to Site Visit in Muhanga, 30 miles west of Kigali on paved road

**8:45 AM – 9:45 AM**

*Educational Site Visit*

### **ZIPLINE: DRONE DELIVERY OF MEDICINE—AMERICAN INNOVATION IMPROVING HEALTH CARE DELIVERY IN RURAL RWANDA**

Keeping medical equipment supplied to rural clinics throughout Africa has always been a challenge with poor roads and being able to precisely calibrate supply and demand with the shelf life of provisions that often require refrigeration. We will see American technology applied in an innovative way to address this problem. Zipline, an American company started in Half Moon Bay outside of San Francisco, operates a fleet of drones from two launching bases in Rwanda, which can deliver vital medicines and blood to rural clinics on short notice within a half hour of receiving an order. We will witness the launcher, which boosts the lightweight battery-operator drones into the air, which fly on a computer guided path at 60-80 miles per hour and have a range of up to 100 miles roundtrip with a payload of up to 4 pounds. The shipment is dropped by parachute in a precise landing area near the recipient clinic. This project receives support from the Department of Defense Innovation Unit as the Pentagon is interested in seeing its applicability. GAVI, the Vaccine Alliance, also supports this initiative. Since operations began three years ago, over 10,000 deliveries have been made, at a rate of approximately 30 per day. The Rwandan government pays Zipline for this service.

***Israel Bimpe***, Manager, Zipline National Implementation;  
***Lawrence Williams***, Director of Global Business Development,  
Zipline International, Muhanga, Rwanda

**9:45 AM – 10:45 AM**

Transit to site visit, return on the same paved road to the outskirts of Kigali

**10:45 AM – 11:30 AM**

*Educational Site Visit*

### **TACKLING KIGALI'S CLEAN WATER CHALLENGES WITH AMERICAN TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERTISE**

We will visit a new water treatment plant which represents a \$35 million investment by the Illinois-based American firm, Culligan Water. This plant draws water out of the Nyabarongo river (one of Kigali's main water sources) and filters out the heavy sedimentation through a process of settling ponds, disinfection, and filtration, to turn brown unpotable water into clean drinking water that will be sold to the Kigali municipal water system. This is an example of American technology and expertise being utilized to bring clean water to the city of Kigali.

**Tahir Guzel**, Chief Operating Officer,  
Culligan Water International, Kigali

**11:30 AM – 11:50 AM** Transit back to hotel

**11:50 AM – 1:00 PM**  
*Luncheon Remarks*

**POLICY REFLECTIONS AND THE U.S. ROLE**

*Members of Congress will have an opportunity to further discuss observations and conclusions about U.S. policy drawn from their experience this week.*

**William Nell**, Deputy Director, Aspen Institute Congressional Program

**1:00 PM – 1:45 PM** Checkout from hotel and board bus

**1:45 PM – 2:15 PM** Participants depart for the Airport for return flight to U.S.

*Rep. Bobby Rush and Mrs. Paulette Rush depart Kigali at 4:55 PM on Ethiopian flight 816*

**MONDAY, AUGUST 19**

Participants arrive in U.S.

*Rep. Bobby Rush and Mrs. Paulette Rush arrive in Chicago at 7:55 AM on Ethiopian flight 510*



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Dan Glickman

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Executive Director

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Congressional Program

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March 12, 2019

The Honorable Bobby Rush  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Bobby:

I would like to invite you and Paulette to participate in a congressional conference on ***Africa's Economic, Security, and Development Challenges and the U.S. Role***, August 12-20, 2019 (including travel), in Ethiopia and Rwanda. We have limited space and must hear from you proactively as soon as possible if you wish to participate.

Over the last decade, Ethiopia has enjoyed high economic growth rates yet still remains one of the ten poorest countries in the world. Rwanda has made great progress since the 1994 genocide and is seen as a development success story. The different governance stories in each will also be addressed. We will go on many educational site visits, which will give you the opportunity to see firsthand examples of U.S. foreign development assistance across many sectors, including health, water resources, food security, and others. We hope to meet with the leaders of these countries, as well as U.S. ambassadors and Peace Corps volunteers.

We will have a mix of contributors from Africa as well as prominent American scholars to enhance our discussions and site visits. A tentative agenda outline is attached.

Attendance is by invitation only, with no outside observers, lobbyists, or congressional staff. Funding is provided solely by grants from established foundations—no government, individual, corporate or special interest funds are accepted.

Under guidelines established by the House Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, we will provide you with a signed Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form affirming that no lobbyists fund this activity, that the Aspen Institute does not hire or retain lobbyists, and that no lobbyists will be present. Our purpose is education, not advocacy.

This program is designed for Members of both the Senate and the House. Please note that because the House has adopted rules that preclude registered lobbyists from attending our events, if your accompanying spouse or family member is a registered lobbyist, the rules would bar their participation.

Departure will be on Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and we will return on Tuesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Should you accept the invitation, it is required that you participate through the duration of the conference.

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Travel expenses, including business class airfare, meals, lodging, and meeting facilities will be paid by the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. Under the ethics rules, no expenses are covered for entertainment or recreation. Congressional participants are limited to only one accompanying family member.

The Aspen Institute, an independent, nonprofit organization founded in 1950, provides a nonpartisan, neutral forum for leaders to discuss critical issues. The Institute's Congressional Program is designed to promote leadership on selected public policy issues in the Congress by bringing legislators together with internationally-recognized scholars and analysts in high-level discussion. Since the program's inception, over 450 Members of Congress have participated in the 139 conferences we have conducted.

Additionally, we hold breakfast meetings in the Capitol throughout the year to keep Members of Congress up-to-date between our annual conferences. We hope you will be able to participate in the extended educational offerings of our breakfast series.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 202-736-5825.

We hope you will join us for this important conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan".

Dan Glickman  
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