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Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building.**

In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

United Nations Foundation

Private Sponsor(s) (list all):

Oct. 8 - Oct. 14, 2022

Travel date(s):

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate	\$1,905.22	\$447.30	\$345.45	\$475 (translation services)
☒ Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
☐ Good Faith Estimate				
☐ Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

please see attached agenda.

11/2/2022
(Date)

CLAIRE FIBEL
(Printed name of traveler)

(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

11/2/2022
(Date)

(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

(Revised 1/3/11)

Form RE-2

Date/Time Stamp:

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics** in **SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will **not** be considered or approved. This form **must** be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Claire Figel

Employing Office/Committee: Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): United Nations Foundation

Travel date(s): October 8 - 14, 2022

*Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you **must** notify the Committee.*

Destination(s): Dakar & Saint Louis, Senegal

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

As a Senior Policy Analyst on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I advise Ranking Member Risch on global health, food security, and foreign assistance, among other issues. This trip provides an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of U.S. and UN efforts to treat and prevent child malnutrition, respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, and combat global food insecurity.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

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

9/28/2022
(Date)

Claire Figel
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, JIM RISCH hereby authorize CLAIRE FIGEL
(Print Senator's Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

9/28/2022
(Date)

Jim Risch
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

**UN Foundation Learning Trip to Senegal
Answers to PSTCF Questions 2, 5, 13, and 18**

2. Description of the trip:

Over the course of four days, the delegation will learn how the UN system is working collaboratively to overcome a number of nutrition and food security challenges in Senegal. The delegation will conduct multiple site visits and engage with high-level decisionmakers, exploring how the UN is partnering with the U.S. and the Government of Senegal to detect and treat children with wasting, diversify and improve the availability of ready-to-use therapeutic foods, administer school feeding programs, promote sustainable agricultural production, help smallholders farmers gain better access to farm inputs and services, implement food-for-assets initiatives, encourage routine childhood vaccination programs, and related activities.

5. Name and title of Senate invitees:

Katie Bailey, Legislative Director
Sen. Mike Braun

Sara Zaheer, Legislative Assistant
Sen. Patty Murray

Ausan Al-Eryani, Legislative Assistant
Sen. Tim Kaine

Dan Adelstein, Legislative Assistant
Sen. Mike Rounds

Amy English, National Security Adviser
Sen. Jeanne Shaheen

Salvador Ortega, Legislative Assistant
Sen. John Boozman

Lucas Dapieve, Director of Projects and Planning
Sen. Bill Hagerty

Charlotte Pineda, Legislative Assistant
Sen. Roger Marshall

Sally Thompson, Legislative Assistant
Sen. Roger Wicker

Adam Kozlosky, Foreign Policy Advisor
Sen. Joni Ernst

Emily Leviner, Chief of Staff
Sen. Deb Fischer

Claire Figel, Senior Policy Analyst, Minority
Senate Foreign Relations Committee

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Senate State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee

Adam Yezerksi, Professional Staff Member, Minority
Senate State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Subcommittee

Judd Gardner, Legislative Director
Sen. Jerry Moran

Claire Borzner, Professional Staff Member, Majority
Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Subcommittee

Katherine Thomas
Senate Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry Subcommittee

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

The UN Foundation (UNF) works to educate all Americans, including the U.S. Congress, on the importance of a strong U.S.-UN relationship, with a particular focus on global health issues such as child nutrition and food security. This learning trip provides an opportunity for policymakers to better understand how the UN is working to prevent and treat severe acute malnutrition, alleviate food insecurity, and generally promote good health and well-being in Senegal.

UNF is the sole sponsor of this trip, organizing all aspects of the program and logistics. UNF handles all outreach to congressional offices and is the contact for planning purposes. The UN Foundation received a grant from the Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF) to partially support this trip. ECF has not played any role in organizing this trip and has not been involved in the selection or invitation of the trip participants.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:

Although stable and democratic, Senegal is one of the world's least developed countries, with around half of the population living below the poverty line. The economy relies heavily on cash crops and fishing, both of which are vulnerable to climate change, insufficient food production, droughts, land degradation, and high food prices. This has led Senegal to struggle with high rates of maternal and infant mortality and severe acute malnutrition. Compounding these factors, COVID-19 has affected all aspects of Senegal's health system and early in the crisis access to nutrition services was often impaired, threatening the provision of lifesaving treatment for malnourished children in the country's central, northern, and eastern regions, where food and nutrition insecurity are most prevalent. Meanwhile, lower incomes and measures to control the spread of the pandemic reduced the availability of and access to quality food, leading to rising malnutrition rates.

United Nations Foundation Learning Trip to Senegal

October 8 – 14, 2022

****All Times Local****
+4 hours from Washington, DC

Saturday, October 8 --- Travel*Attire: Casual.*

6:15pm Arrive Dulles International Airport (IAD)

9:15pm Depart IAD on Ethiopian Airlines 517 to Lome International Airport (LFW)
Flight time 10h 40m

Sunday, October 9 --- Travel/Arrival*Attire: Casual.*

11:55am Arrive LFW
Layover 1h 50m

1:45pm Depart LFW on Ethiopian Airlines 1050 to Dakar Blaise Diagne Airport
Flight time 3h 25m

4:10pm Arrive DSS

4:40pm – 5:40pm Transit via hired car to Radisson Blu Hotel, Dakar Sea Plaza

5:40pm – 6:00pm Check-in to hotel

6:00pm – 7:30pm Executive Time

7:30pm – 8:30 pm **Welcome Reception and Working Dinner with Mr. Coulibaly Siaka, UN Resident Coordinator in Senegal**

The delegation will have a working dinner with Mr. Coulibaly Siaka, UN Resident Coordinator in Senegal, and various UN and U.S. Interlocutors to discuss the major food security and nutrition challenges in Senegal in preparation for the week's programming. We will, additionally, review the agenda and clarify any outstanding questions.

Location: Radisson Blu Hotel, Dakar Sea Plaza

Overnight Radisson Blu Hotel, Dakar Sea Plaza
Route de la Corniche Ouest, Dakar, BP 16868, Senegal
+221 (33) 8693333

Monday, October 10 --- Dakar*Attire: Business*

- 8:00am – 8:45am Breakfast at the hotel
- 8:45am – 9:00am Transit via hired car to UN in Senegal Office
- 9:00am – 10:30am **Meeting with UN Country Team, led by Mr. Coulibaly Siaka, UN Resident Coordinator in Senegal**

The delegation will meet with the UN Country Team, led by Mr. Coulibaly Siaka, UN Resident Coordinator in Senegal, to contextualize the humanitarian situation in Senegal and provide a general overview of how the UN is working to prevent and treat severe acute malnutrition, alleviate food insecurity, and generally promote good health and well-being. While stable and democratic, Senegal is among the world's least developed countries, ranking 66th out of 116 countries in the 2021 Global Hunger Index and with 38.5% of its population living in poverty (World Bank, 2020). Food insecurity and malnutrition stand at 7.2% and 8.25% respectively, with major regional disparities. Senegal is frequently subject to climate hazards, especially in the semi-arid North. Insufficient food production, droughts, land degradation, high food prices and low resilience have further compounded food insecurity.

Location: UN in Senegal Office, Room Almadies 2

- 10:30am – 11:00am Transit via hired car to Fann Hospital Center
- 11:00am – 12:00pm **Tour of Fann Hospital Center**

The delegation will tour the Fann Hospital Center, which specializes in managing malnutrition among children with support from UNICEF. The delegation will meet with children receiving treatment, as well doctors and nurses.

Fann has 341 beds and serves as one of the main treatment centers for the millions of people who reside in Dakar and patients coming from rural Senegal and neighboring countries. It is staffed by some 100 doctors and 300 nurses.

*Location: Address: Hospital Center University De Fann
MGVP+V8P, Av. Cheikh Anta Diop, Dakar, Senegal*

- 12:00pm – 12:15pm Transit via hired car to Restaurant Chez Lulu
- 12:15pm – 1:30pm **Working Lunch with Ms. Silvia Danailov, UNICEF Senegal Country Representative**

The delegation will have a working lunch with Ms. Silvia Danailov, UNICEF Senegal Country Representative to discuss the major factors driving severe acute malnutrition in Senegal, UNICEF's work

preventing and treating malnutrition, and explore opportunities for strengthened coordination and U.S. investments.

Location suggestions: Restaurant Chez Lulu

1:30pm – 2:00pm Transit via hired car to Office of the National Nutrition Development Council

2:00pm – 3:00pm **Meeting with the National Nutrition Development Council (CNDN)**

The delegation will meet with representatives from the National Nutrition Development Council (CNDN) to discuss Senegalese efforts to combat malnutrition. The CNDN is housed in the Office of the President and coordinates all nutrition relevant projects and overseeing policy implementation.

Under the authority of the Prime Minister's Office, the CNDN implements various community nutrition programs targeting children under five years of age: social transfers to help families navigate food price increases, poverty and hunger reduction, oil and flour fortification, and salt iodization.

Location: Office of the National Nutrition Development Council Point E

3:00pm – 3:15pm Transit via hired car to micro-garden site, Centre Socio-Culturel De Grand Dakar

3:15pm – 4:30pm **Tour of Micro-Garden Site in the Centre Socio-Culturel de Grand Dakar (Dakar Arts Center)**

The delegation will tour a micro-garden—a form of soilless horticultural production undertaken in small urban spaces that contributes to the fight against food insecurity.

Agricultural space in Dakar, which is home to 25% of the country's population, is incredibly sparse. To provide the city's population with alternative supply solutions, FAO, in collaboration with the Government of Senegal, the Municipality of Dakar, and several NGOs launched the micro-gardening project in 1999. Since then, the project has been re-launched several times and in 2004 the project was transferred to other cities in Senegal and Africa.

Micro-gardening technology permits soilless horticultural production in small urban spaces such as roofs, yards, or vacant areas. The project provides families with food and allows them to sell the surplus for a small income. It generally targets environmental enhancement for fragile groups in societies by enabling inhabitants to produce food in urban situations. The program in Dakar has been very successful,

providing more than 4,000 families with fresh vegetables and a surplus to sell.

Location: Centre Socio-Culturel De Grand Dakar

4:30pm – 5:00pm Transit via hired car to hotel

5:00pm – 6:45pm Executive Time

6:45pm – 7:00pm Transit via hired car to Restaurant Le Dagorne

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Working Dinner with World Food Programme Director and Resident Representative, Ms. Fatiha Terki**

The delegation will have a working dinner with Ms. Fatiha Terki, WFP Director and Resident Representative, to discuss WFP's work reaching food insecure populations, including efforts to support the Ministry of National Education's school feeding program.

Location: Restaurant Le Dagorne, 11, Rue Dagorne Marché Kermel BP, Rue Dagorne, Dakar, Senegal

8:30pm – 8:45pm Transit via hired car to hotel

Overnight Radisson Blu Hotel, Dakar Sea Plaza
Route de la Corniche Ouest, Dakar, BP 16868, Senegal
+221 (33) 8693333

Tuesday, October 11 --- Dakar/Transit/Saint-Louis

Attire: Business

7:00am – 8:00am Breakfast at the hotel (and check-out)

8:00am – 8:40am **Meeting with Mr. Moussa Baldé, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Infrastructure**

The delegation will meet with Mr. Moussa Baldé, Minister for Agriculture and Rural Infrastructure to discuss Senegal-led efforts to combat malnutrition, reach food insecure populations, and strengthen Senegal's domestic agriculture sector, as well as the impact of the UN's work in Senegal.

Location: Radisson Blu Hotel

8:40am – 8:45am Break

8:45am – 9:00am Transit to U.S. Embassy Dakar

9:00am – 10:30am **Meeting with Amb. Mike Raynor and U.S. Country Team**

The delegation will meet with Amb. Mike Raynor and the U.S. Team to discuss U.S.-Senegal Relations and provide an overview of bilateral and multilateral support for global hunger and food security initiatives in Senegal.

Senegal is a focus country for Feed the Future. The first phase of Feed the Future investments focused on scaling-up productivity for four value chains—rice, maize, millet, and fisheries—by improving market linkages, post-harvest infrastructure, access to finance, private sector business development, and public sector capacity. Investments also helped to reform Senegal's important fisheries sector, enhancing the participation of local fishermen and women in decision-making and management, and ensuring that Senegal's fisheries can continue to provide lasting jobs and food security. Ongoing Feed the Future activities continue to promote healthier diets by increasing the production, marketing, and consumption of diversified, healthy and nutritious foods.

10:30am – 10:45am Transit via hired car to UN in Senegal Office

10:45am – 11:30am **Meeting with UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) and Agropole Coordinator**

Senegal's agricultural sector employs 50% of the country's workforce and is mainly driven by the cultivation of rice, corn, manioc and peanuts. The lack of access to quality inputs and land, particularly in remote rural areas, has, however, traditionally limited the development of agricultural cooperatives and processing companies, and undermined overall food production. UNIDO is supporting Senegal's efforts to overcome these challenges and develop the country's agribusiness and agro-industries through the operationalization of competitive and integrated "agricultural growth poles," otherwise known as agropoles, which are important new development tools designed to kickstart the shift from subsistence to commercial agriculture.

UNIDO is helping Senegal establish 3 agropoles for high-potential value chains: fruits and vegetables, and cashew nuts; aquaculture and fisheries; and livestock and other agro-value chains. Each agropole will operate as a private-public entity linking rural enterprises to the market and provide the appropriate infrastructure, technologies and services to support the development of small and medium-sized enterprises.

Location: UN in Senegal Office

11:30am – 11:45am Transit to Le Ryad Restaurante

11:45am – 1:00pm **Working Lunch with U.S. Department of Agriculture Team**

The delegation will have a working lunch with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Team, including Mr. Barret Bumpas, Regional Agriculture

Attache. The delegation will be briefed on the impact of USDA's McGovern-Dole Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program in Senegal, which marked its 20th anniversary in June 2022.

Signed into law as part of the 2002 Farm Bill, the McGovern-Dole Program focuses on reducing hunger and improving literacy and primary education, especially for girls, in developing countries around the globe. USDA partners with non-profit groups, cooperatives, and international organizations such as WFP to provide not only school meals, but also teacher training and related support to help boost school enrollment and academic performance. At the same time, the program aims to improve children's health and learning capacity even before they enter school by offering nutrition and support services for pregnant and nursing women, infants, and pre-schoolers. The support of the U.S. agricultural community is vital to the success of the McGovern-Dole Program, with more than 1.3 million metric tons of donated U.S. commodities being used to create nutritious, culturally appropriate school meals throughout the years

*Location: Le Ryad Restaurante
QG33+GXP, Rond point du Virage route de l'aéroport*

1:00pm – 1:45pm Transit to Pikine Elementary School

1:45pm – 2:45pm **Tour of Pikine Elementary School with UNICEF, Meeting with Students and Teachers**

The delegation will tour an elementary school in the disadvantaged suburbs of Dakar, to see first-hand how the pandemic has impacted on children's education and how UNICEF is offering alternatives and supporting the Government to overcome the current learning crisis. The school in Pikine offers catch-up classes and accelerated learning programmes to out-of-school children, many of whom could not enroll or dropped out due to the pandemic.

In Senegal, the COVID-19 pandemic and national school closures temporarily disrupted the education of 3.5 million learners, in addition to the 1.5 million children already out of school. UNICEF, as the lead coordinating agency for the Development Partners Thematic Group for Education, has been supporting the Ministry of Education to formulate and implement the COVID-19 Education Sector Response Plan, ensuring that learning never stops and that no child is left behind.

Location: Pikine Elementary School

2:45pm – 3:45pm Transit to Thiès (Ngueror School)

3:45pm – 4:45pm **Visit WFP Nutrition Project and School Canteens at Ngueror School**

The delegation will tour a local elementary school where students are provided hot meals through a partnership between the Ministry of National Education (MEN) and WFP. They will meet with students benefiting from the program and hold a working session with the school management committee to understand the program's implementation process and its measurable impacts on student retention and educational performance.

As part of its COVID-19 pandemic response plan, Senegal's Ministry of National Education (MEN) launched a school feeding program in March 2021 with CFAF 552 million (close to \$1 million) in GPE funding and operational support from WFP. This emergency response, which is in line with the Presidential School Feeding Program, is aimed at mitigating the effects of the health crisis on student education, ensuring the continuity of education services, and encouraging vulnerable students to attend school and achieve academic success.

In partnership with the MEN, WFP provided 137,311 schoolchildren (54% girls and 46% boys) with meals in 749 schools across 11 regions of Senegal in 2021.

Location: Ngueror School, Thiès

4:45pm – 8:45pm Transit via hired car to Saint-Louis

8:45pm – 9:00pm Check-in to Hotel Sindone

9:00pm – 9:45pm Dinner

Overnight Hotel Sindone
2FCW+C6C, Quai Henni Jay
Saint-Louis, Senegal

Wednesday, October 12 --- Saint-Louis

Attire: Business Casual

8:00am – 9:00am Breakfast at the hotel

9:00am – 9:15am Transit via hired car to the Office of Governor of the Region of Saint-Louis

9:15am – 10:00am **Courtesy Visit with Mr. Alioune Aïdara Niang, Governor of the Region of Saint-Louis**

The delegation will hold a courtesy meeting with Mr. Alioune Aïdara Niang, Governor of the Region of Saint-Louis, to inform him of the purpose of the delegation's visit and learn how the municipal government is partnering with the UN to treat and prevent malnutrition, respond to climate change, and alleviate food insecurity in Saint Louis.

Location: Office of Governor of the Region of Saint-Louis

10:00am – 10:15am Transit via hired car to the District Medical Warehouse of Saint-Louis

10:15am – 11:30am **Tour of the District Medical Warehouse of Saint-Louis**

The delegation will tour a district medical warehouse where essential commodities such as vaccines, antimalarials, and family planning products are shipped, stored, and distributed to local health facilities.

In Senegal, the National Supply Pharmacy (PNA) oversees storage and distribution of essential health commodities. PNA operates one central medical store in Dakar and 11 regional warehouses or Pharmacies (PRA) that serve 74 district-level commodity stores. Like many similar structures in the country, the condition of regional warehouses had been deteriorating, putting at risk the quality of health commodities and the lives of patients who would be using them. In FY18, PNA asked the USAID Global Health Supply Chain-Technical Assistance Francophone Task Order if it could assist in the renovation of three warehouses in Fatick, Diourbel, and Saint-Louis.

USAID responded with a package that considered not only the physical renovation of the buildings, but also steps needed to improve stock management, the capacity of warehouse managers and their work safety. Completed in 2019, the renovation of three regional warehouses in Senegal had a direct impact on the quality of commodities distributed to almost 3 million people residing in these regions.

Location: District Medical Warehouse of Saint-Louis

11:30am – 11:45am Transit via hired car to UNFPA site

11:45am – 12:30pm **UNFPA Integration Kits Delivery Ceremony**

The delegation will attend a ceremony for women who have recently recovered from obstetric fistula and received care, treatment, and social reintegration assistance from UNFPA.

Obstetric fistula is one of the most serious and tragic childbirth injuries—it occurs mostly among women and girls living in extreme poverty, especially those far from medical services—and leaves women incontinent and often leads to chronic medical problems, depression, social isolation and deepening poverty. Through the Campaign to End Fistula, UNFPA works to prevent and treat fistula and to rehabilitate fistula survivors so they can rejoin their communities.

Location: UNFPA site

12:30pm – 12:45pm Transit via hired car to Siki Rio

12:45pm – 1:45pm Working Lunch with USAID

The delegation will have a working lunch with colleagues from USAID posted in Saint Louis to discuss the scope of U.S. development and humanitarian assistance efforts in the Senegal, including work improving access to nutritious food through locally-led agricultural programs, sustainably increasing agricultural production to assist in the export of surplus horticultural products, and recent renovations and to medical warehouses to ensure that essential medications are stored in optimal conditions.

Location: Siki Rio, 295 Rue Abdoulaye Seck, St Louis, Senegal

1:45pm – 2:00pm Transit via hired car to Civic Center

2:00pm – 3:30pm Meeting with Women's Groups Nutrition Enhancement Program Participants

The delegation will meet with women who participated in CNDM's Nutrition Enhancement Program, an initiative to work with mothers and other caregivers to address many of the root causes of malnutrition and stunting.

For more than a decade, major successive shocks in Senegal, such as a series of serious droughts, have impacted local economies and forced households to economize on essential things, such as health care and food consumption. Over time, this has led to stark disparities in nutritional improvements between regions of the country. Whereas national stunting rates have remained stable at under 20% for about a decade, much of the central, northern, and eastern parts of the country—which typically suffer most from the food and nutrition insecurity—continue to show high stunting rates.

To improve the situation, the national Nutrition Enhancement Program (NEP), supported by the World Bank, sought to combat multiple barriers facing women as they seek to access nutrition and finances for their families. Between 2017-2021, CNDN, which oversees the implementation of the NEP, took a multifaceted approach, putting in place interventions to empower women in the areas characterized by a high prevalence of food insecurity and acute malnutrition in children under the age of five, such as the production and processing of agricultural and animal goods with high nutritional value; the economic management of new technologies; building community solidarity for access to production assets; providing health, nutrition, hygiene, and sanitation services; and the promotion of essential family health and nutrition practices.

These new tools were used to improve household food security, diversification and feeding practices of children aged 6 to 23 months,

as well as pregnant and lactating women. Many groups benefited from improved nutrition services, including a total of 461,076 pregnant and lactating women, adolescent girls, and children under the age of five. In addition, 102,480 women were empowered with new knowledge and skills to obtain sufficient quantities of food throughout the year.

Location: Civic Center

3:30pm – 4:00pm Transit via hired car to hotel

4:00pm – 7:00pm Executive Time

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Working Dinner with Dr. Abiboulaye Sall, Area Coordinator for Saint-Louis Malaria and Neglected Tropical Diseases, PATH (Program for Appropriate Technology in Health)**

The delegation will have a working dinner with Dr. Abiboulaye Sall, PATH's Area Coordinator for Saint-Louis, to learn how NGO partners are working to improve the performance of the decentralized public health system of Senegal and to better understand how nutrition challenges in the region impact the greater health infrastructure.

The delegation will additionally discuss efforts to strengthen the health commodities procurement system in Senegal, including the development and establishment of an improved procurement and stock management information system. In close collaboration with the National Pharmacy Supply, PATH is working to improve stock management through the deployment of an enhanced information system and optimizing the availability of essential medicines and technologies

Location: Hotel Sindone

Overnight Hotel Sindone

Thursday, October 13 --- Saint-Louis and Return to Dakar

Attire: Field Dress

8:00am – 9:00am Breakfast at the hotel

9:00am – 9:30am Transit via hired car to Youth Center

9:30am – 10:30am **Visit and Tour of Youth Center near Gaston Berger University of Saint-Louis, supported by the UN Population Fund (UNFPA)**

The delegation will tour a local service point that strengthens the supply of reproductive health and family planning services to students at Gaston Berger University, as well as the surrounding neighborhoods of Saint-Louis.

Location: Youth Center

10:30am – 11:00am Transit via hired car to Ndiougue Mberès

11:00am – 12:00pm **Tour of WFP Rice Fortification Activities**

The delegation will tour a local project site where WFP is working to overcome micronutrient deficiencies in Saint-Louis via rice fortification activities—the addition of essential vitamins and minerals to rice, post-harvest, to increase its nutritional value. Micronutrient deficiencies, defined as the lack of one or more of the essential vitamins and minerals required for healthy growth, development, and functioning, affects all ages and socioeconomic groups.

As more and more countries in West Africa consume rice as a staple, this innovative pilot tests a program entry mode for fortified rice in large-scale WFP operations. The objectives are to implement a new, operative, market model using imported kernels, locally-produced rice and local blending; optimize program set up and scale-up; and develop a regional model for WFP in West Africa and beyond.

Location: Ndiougue Mberès

12:00pm – 12:15pm Transit via hired car to UNIDO site

12:15pm – 1:15pm **Meeting with Local Agriculture Producers, supported by UNIDO**

The delegation will meet with local producers who have received technical and logistical assistance from UNIDO as part of the Project to Support the Resilience of Agricultural Value Chains (PARFA).

As part of PARFA, UNIDO and IFAD have been focusing on improving agro-ecosystem services in Senegal and the food security and incomes of smallholder farmers by creating income-generating jobs for rural people—especially youth and women. Recent achievements include supporting smallholder farmers in using new methodologies and modern equipment (powered by renewable energy) for the processing and conservation of food products.

1:15pm – 1:30pm Transit via hired car to Hotel de la Poste

1:30pm – 2:30pm **Working Lunch and Debrief with UN Colleagues in Saint-Louis**

The delegation will have a working lunch and debrief with UN colleagues based in Saint-Louis, including 4 UNFPA staff and 1 UNICEF staff to discuss lessons learned, post-learning trip follow-up, and potential opportunities for continued engagement and coordination with the U.S. Congress and UN in Senegal.

Location: Hotel de la Poste

2:30pm – 6:30pm Transit to Diamniadio

6:30pm – 7:00pm **Tour of United Nations House (under construction)**

The delegation will tour United Nations House, an ongoing construction project located in the new incoming ministries district Diamniadio. Initiated by the Government of Senegal, the building, once completed, will centrally house the 34 UN agencies that are currently situated across the capital. This visit will help the delegation understand the working relationship between the Government of Senegal and the UN system.

7:00pm – 7:15pm Transit to Radisson Blu Diamniadio

7:15pm – 8:00pm Executive Time

8:00pm – 9:30pm **Working Dinner and Debrief with UN and U.S. Colleagues**

The delegation will have a working dinner with UN and U.S. colleagues to discuss lessons learned, post-learning trip follow-up, and potential opportunities for continued engagement and coordination with the U.S. Congress and UN in Senegal.

Location: Radisson Blu Diamniadio

9:30pm – 11:00pm Executive Time

11:10pm – 11:40pm Transit via hired car to DSS

11:40pm Arrive DSS

Friday, October 14 --- Travel

Attire: Casual

1:40am Depart DSS on Delta 217

6:05am Arrive JFK at 6:05am

8:54am Depart JFK on Delta 5829

10:22am Arrive DCA

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

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1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): United Nations Foundation

 2. Description of the trip: Please see attached.

 3. Dates of travel: October 8 - October 14, 2022
 4. Place of travel: Dakar and Saint-Louis, Senegal
 5. Name and title of Senate invitees: Please see attached.
 6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
 - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
 - OR -
 - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
 7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
 - AND -
 - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
 8. I *certify* that:
 - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
 - AND -
 - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

- OR -

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

- OR -

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

UNF is the sole sponsor of this trip, organizing all aspects of the program and logistics. UNF handles all outreach to congressional staff and is the contact for planning purposes.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission: Please see attached.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

UNF regularly organizes congressional learning trip to observe the UN's work abroad. In 2021, UNF organized a congressional learning trip to the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

UNF regularly hosts/sponsors Capitol Hill briefings, forums, and related events to educate policymakers, NGOs, and the general public on the UN's role in advancing American interests abroad.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
☒ Good Faith estimate	\$3,075 total \$2,725 (roundtrip airfare from Washington to Dakar)	\$552 total \$382 (Dakar) \$170 (Saint-Louis)	\$460 total \$280 (Dakar) \$180 (Saint-Louis)	\$225 (translation services)
☐ Actual Amounts	\$350 (local hired vans and/or SUVs)			

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

This trip involves an event that is arranged specifically with regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

Please see attached.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Radisson Blu Hotel, Dakar Sea Plaza, Route de la Corniche Ouest, Dakar, BP 16868, Senegal

Hotel Sindone 2FCW+C6C, Quai Henni Jay, Saint-Louis, Senegal

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Favorable rate and location.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:
Daily expenses for lodging will be equal to the State Department's 2022 per diem rates for Dakar (\$191) and Saint-Louis (\$85). Daily expenses for M&IE will be less than the State Department's 2022 per diem rates for Dakar (\$126) and Saint-Louis (\$97).
22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:
Roundtrip premium economy airfare from Washington, DC to Dakar, Senegal connecting in Lome, Togo. All other in-country travel be via van and/or SUVs.
23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).
24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:
None.
25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):
Signature of Travel Sponsor: 
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