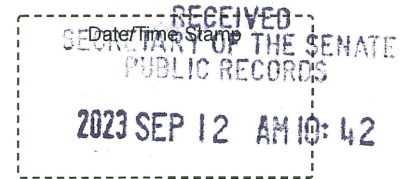


RE-3 Senators and Officers Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**



Certification: In compliance with the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel, Senate Rule 35, and the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act of 2007, I certify that I accepted the following gift of privately sponsored travel:

Private Sponsor(s):

The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional)

Travel Dates:

August 12-19, 2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Mrs. Martha Carper

Relationship to Traveler:

spouse

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$18,144	\$1,305	\$576	\$3,688

I also certify that attached to this form are all required documents for post travel disclosure, including:

- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

I certify that all trip information reflected in the attachments above accurately reflects the travel that I accepted. If there were any changes to the trip after I received approval from the Committee, the changes are described in ATTACHMENT 1.

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.

09/12/23

Date

Senator Tom Carper

Printed Name of Senator/Officer

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tom Carper".

Signature of Senator/Officer

ATTACHMENT 1 – CHANGES FROM APPROVED PRE-TRAVEL

Note: Material changes to a trip that occur after the Committee has issued an approval letter may invalidate the Committee's approval. Please contact the Committee with any questions regarding changes to an approved trip.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved travel expenses? (Transportation, Meals, Lodging, Other)?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Expense Change

Revised Amount

Explanation

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation:

Were there any additional changes to the pre-approved trip?

☐ Yes ☒ No

Explanation:

equal not

Trip Name: U.S. Foreign Policy in Africa: Interests, Opportunities and Challenges

Organization Information

Organization Name:

The Aspen Institute, Inc. (Cong.Prog.)

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If Yes, §501(c)(3) Organization Type:

☐

Private Foundation

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Public Charity

Address:

2300 N Street, NW

City, State, Zip:

Washington, DC 20037

Phone Number:

202-736-5859

Organization URL:

<https://www.aspeninstitute.org/>

History of Congressional Travel

Describe your organization's history of sponsoring congressional travel.

Aspen Institute Congressional Program (AICP) has conducted international and domestic conferences for members of Congress for 40 years. On occasion, other policy programs of The Aspen Institute, Inc. sponsor conferences that involve members of Congress.

Educational Activities

Describe the educational activities performed by your organization other than sponsoring congressional travel.

The Aspen Institute, Inc. holds numerous educational activities including conferences, roundtable briefings, and other nonpartisan forums on critical issues facing the U.S. and the world. AICP, specifically, offers nonpartisan educational events for members of Congress and senior congressional staff members, with each event offering a leading scholar on a key domestic or international issue.

Lobbyist and Foreign Agent Registration Information

Lobbyist Registration Status (Select one):

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I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyist.

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I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist but does retain or employ one or more federally registered lobbyists.

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Select one):

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I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and does not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.

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I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal but does retain or employ one or more agents of a foreign principal.

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status (Must select all):

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I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.

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I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.

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I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

The conference will take an in depth look at U.S. national security and economic interests, currently and in the years to come, that are impacted by the people and countries in Africa with the continent playing a critical role in confronting global threats and challenges vital to America's well-being. Economically, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), will be the world's fifth-largest economy, with a potential GDP of more than \$3.4 trillion. Africa is the last, and largest, emerging market and offers the final big supply chain and consumer prospects. By 2050, it is estimated that the continent will represent 25 percent of the global population and one-in-three working age people will live in Africa.

Explain how the purpose of the trip relates to your organization's mission.

The Aspen Institute, Inc., is a non-profit organization, and its broad mission is conducting nonpartisan forums and the exchange of ideas on issues impacting the U.S. and the world. AICP is a program of the Aspen Institute, Inc. that provides nonpartisan educational conferences and educational forums for members of Congress and senior congressional staff members. The Kenya conference will examine the Africa continent, its impact on the U.S. and globally in terms economic and national security and allow participating members of Congress to discuss and see projects that impact the U.S. national and economic security.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If No, describe your organization's role in planning the trip.

If there are multiple sponsors, each sponsor must submit Organization Information (Page 1 of the Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form) and a Signature Page Form.

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

If you have a Grantmaking Organization, you must attach a Grantmaking Organization Certification Form.

1. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation
- 2.
- 3.

With or Without Regard to Congressional Participation (Select one):

- ☐ The trip is arranged or organized without regard to congressional participation.
- ☒ The trip is arranged or organized with regard to congressional participation.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Involvement in Planning, Organizing, Requesting or Arranging

- ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal, other than de minimis involvement.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Financing (Must select all):

- ☒ The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- ☒ No funds or in-kind contributions were 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.

Lobbyist/Foreign Agent Accompaniment

Complete if all sponsors are §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ☒ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
- ☐ The trip is limited to 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
- ☐ The trip is limited to 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

Complete if any of the sponsors is not a §501(c)(3) organizations (Select one):

- ☐ The trip is limited to three days (for trips inside the continental United States) or seven days (for trips outside the continental United States), and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee at any point throughout the trip
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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol (Must select all):

- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for recreational activities.
- ☒ Travel expenses paid for will not include expenditures for alcohol, except as permitted by the Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel.

Will members and staff from the House of Representatives receive invitations?

- ☒ Yes ☐ No

Travel Details (Submit additional pages as needed)

Trip Start Date/Time:

Aug. 12, 2023 at 5 pm



Trip End Date/Time:

.Aug.18, 2023 at 11:35 pm

Will the traveler be accompanied by a family member for whom the sponsor will pay travel expenses?

☒ Yes☐ No

Transportation (Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 9,322 Accompanying Family Member: \$ 8,822)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
commercial airline	business	\$6,813 per traveler
Maasai Mara conservation site charter flight	charter	\$1,094 per traveler
ground transportation in Kenya	coach	\$915 per traveler
Kakuma refugee camp charter flight	charter	\$500 (senator only)

Details (optional)

*Kakuma Refugee Camp & Maasia Mara require charter flights, - no commercial flights available.

Lodging (Member/Officer/Employee: \$ \$1,305 Accompanying Family Member: \$ 0)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
8/13/23	8/18/23	Emara Ole Sereni	Nairobi		Kenya
Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.		
5	\$233	no			
Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
		Emara Ole Sereni			
Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.		
	\$140	8/18 late check out fee			
Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country
Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem (Yes/No)	If Yes, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.		

Meals (Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 288 Accompanying Family Member: \$ 288)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem (Y/N)
8/13/23	NA	NA	\$48	NA		Nairobi		Kenya	Y
8/14/23	NA	NA	\$48	NA		Nairobi		Kenya	Y
8/15/23	NA	NA	\$48	NA		Nairobi		Kenya	Y
8/16/23	NA	NA	\$48	NA		Nairobi		Kenya	Y
8/17/23	NA	NA	\$48	NA		Nairobi		Kenya	Y
8/18/23	NA	NA	\$48	NA		Nairobi		Kenya	Y

If costs exceed the federal per diem, please explain why expenses over the per diem rate are reasonable and necessary.

The accommodation costs include breakfast. The daily meeting fee includes lunch and snacks. The dinner cost exceeds the dinner per diem of \$31 by \$17. To provide food with Western standard food handling and preparation practices, these dinner meals are more costly in Kenya and a cost that is reasonable and necessary.

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses

(Member/Officer/Employee: \$ 1,844 Accompanying Family Member: \$ 1,844)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Audio visual costs and daily conference fee costs	\$513	per person
Medical doctor	\$83	per person
Security detail	\$1,021	per person
Visa costs and processing fee	\$227	per person

Additional Details (optional)

PRIVATELY SPONSORED TRAVEL

SPONSOR SIGNATURE PAGE

I hereby certify that the information submitted in connection with the trip listed below is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Trip Name: U.S. Foreign Policy in Africa

Travel Date(s): August 13 at 5 pm - August 18, at 11:35 pm (2023)

Travel Destination(s): Nairobi, Kenya

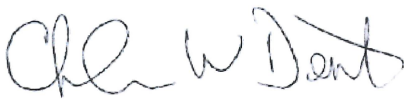
Sponsor: Aspen Institute, Inc. (Congressional Program)

Charlie Dent

(printed name of sponsor representative)

VP-Aspen Institute, Inc.

(title)



(signature of sponsor representative)

Aug. 2, 2023

(date)



U.S. Foreign Policy in Africa: Interests, Opportunities, and Challenges

August 12-19, 2023 | Nairobi, Kenya

AGENDA

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13:

U.S. participants arrive in Nairobi, Kenya.

Sen. Carper and Mrs. Carper join the conference at 5 pm

6:45 – 9 PM: Working Dinner

Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14:

6:30 – 9 AM: Breakfast

9 – 9:15 AM: Introduction and Framework of the Conference

This conference is organized into roundtable conversations, working lunches, site visits, and pre-dinner remarks. 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 much engagement as possible.

Speaker:

Charlie Dent, *Vice President, Aspen Institute;*
Executive Director, Congressional Program

9:15 – 11 AM: Roundtable Discussion

Why Africa? Why Kenya?

Although African nations have infrequently been perceived as central partners in the pursuit of U.S. national security and economic interests, currently and in the years to come, the people and countries in Africa will play a critical role in confronting global threats and challenges that are equally vital to America's well-being. Terrorist organizations, including ISIS, Al-Qaeda, and Al-Shabaab, take advantage of pockets of

fragility in Africa, and their presence on the continent poses a direct threat to U.S. interests. The region is home to 30 percent of the world's supply of critical minerals, which are viewed as essential for U.S. national, economic, and environmental security. As U.S. competition and confrontation with China and Russia increases, Africa is becoming a focus of this entanglement. Moreover, Russia's invasion of Ukraine has significantly exacerbated food insecurity on the continent, which also affects the U.S.

Economically, the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), once it is fully operational, will be the world's fifth-largest economy, with a potential GDP of more than \$3.4 trillion. Africa is the last, and largest, emerging market and offers the final big supply chain and consumer prospects, with opportunities like the ones Southeast Asia presented 20 years ago. By 2050, it is estimated that the continent will represent 25 percent of the global population and one-in-three working age people will live in Africa. It is the youngest continent in the world with 60 percent of the population under the age of 25.

Speaker:

Margaret Whitman, U.S. Ambassador to Kenya

11 – 11:15 AM: Break

11:15 AM – 1 PM: Roundtable Discussion

U.S. Role in Africa's Development: The Past and the Road Ahead

The U.N. Development Program characterizes Africa as a “development paradox – a rich continent with poor nations.” Africa, however, with significant help from the United States, has experienced substantial improvements over the past 20+ years in economic growth, job creation, private sector expansion, education, and health care. A smaller proportion of Africans now live in extreme poverty and far fewer African countries are classified as low-income than has been the case over the past half century. Nevertheless, several more recent factors have severely eroded this impressive progress. COVID-19, growing food insecurity, adverse weather conditions, and armed conflict have significantly undermined years of development gains, leading to the presence of multiple peacekeeping missions, large displacement of people, and unprecedented levels of humanitarian aid. Africa's economic growth has been disrupted, inflation has risen, borrowing costs have grown, and demand in major export markets has softened. Among major concerns for the near-term are the heavy burden of debt servicing, instability created by election cycles, geopolitics and war, and the lingering threat of food insecurity.

The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) provides significant assistance to African countries to address these challenges. The former USAID administrator will discuss how the U.S. has contributed to Africa's development in the past and how the U.S. should strategize for the future.

Speaker:

Rajiv Shah, *President, The Rockefeller Foundation; former Administrator of USAID*
Donald Kaberuka, *Former President, African Development Bank Group*

1 – 1:50 PM: Working Lunch

Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on U.S. development partnership with Africa.

2 – 4:30 PM: Educational Site Visit**PEPFAR/DREAMS**

As part of the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), the Determined, Resilient, Empowered, AIDS-free, Mentored and Safe (DREAMS) program launched in 2015 offering a comprehensive, multi-sectoral, age-appropriate package of core interventions to address key factors that make girls and young women particularly vulnerable to HIV. Adolescent girls and young women account for 74 percent of new HIV infections among all adolescents in sub-Saharan Africa, and nearly 1,000 adolescent girls and young women are infected with HIV daily. Social isolation, poverty, discriminatory cultural norms, orphanhood, gender-based violence, and inadequate schooling all contribute to their vulnerability to HIV and a life not lived to its full potential. The DREAMS partnership goes beyond individual health initiatives to address these factors. In countries where DREAMS programs are active, including Kenya, new HIV diagnoses among adolescent girls and young women are 25 percent less than in other parts of the continent.

6 – 7 PM: Pre-Dinner Remarks:***Opportunities for American Businesses in Africa*****Speaker:**

Maxwell Okello, *CEO, American Chamber of Commerce, Kenya*

7 – 9 PM: Working Dinner with Local Young Entrepreneurs

Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions with the local young entrepreneurs will focus on the challenges of starting new local enterprises in Kenya.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15:**6:30 – 7:45 AM: Breakfast****7:45 - 8:45 AM: Breakfast Remarks**

How Food Security in Africa Impacts Global Geopolitical Stability

Food security in African countries has a wide range of positive impacts globally – including economic growth and job creation, poverty reduction and trade opportunities, all factors in geopolitical stability.

Speaker: Dan Glickman, *former U.S. Secretary of Agriculture*

9 – 11:30 AM: Roundtable Discussion:

U.S. for a Healthy Africa: Addressing Food (In)security and Malnutrition

Food insecurity and malnutrition, especially in sub-Saharan Africa, has increased dramatically in recent years due to multiple factors, including the global pandemic, a deepening climate crisis, high energy and fertilizer costs, weakened supply chains, and protracted conflicts, including the war in Ukraine. According to the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), in 2022, over 20 million people and at least 10 million children faced severe food shortage in Africa following crop failures and four consecutive dry seasons. Diplomats and aid workers believe that Africa is experiencing a food crisis that is bigger and more complex than the continent has ever seen.

One consequence of the rise in food insecurity is the acute degree of malnutrition. In sub-Saharan Africa, the morbidity and mortality rate from malnutrition is increasing more than any other place in the world. Young children especially are experiencing the brunt of the lack of adequate nutrition. Globally, malnutrition is responsible for nearly 3 million lives of children under the age of five, representing nearly half of all deaths of young children. Malnutrition kills more children than malaria, tuberculosis, and HIV/AIDS combined. Moreover, child malnutrition has a lifelong compounding impact on health, society, and economies. Malnourished children are subject to physical and cognitive delays, often impeding them from reaching their complete developmental potential with significant and lifelong health, social, and economic implications.

While the U.S. Government is addressing food security and nutrition challenges through programs such as USAID's Feed the Future and humanitarian food aid support, by far the largest U.S. global health intervention over the past 20 years has been PEPFAR, the signature HIV/AIDS initiative launched in 2004 by President George W. Bush and strongly supported by each subsequent administration. With the majority of PEPFAR resources invested in Africa, the program is credited with saving 25 million lives, placing 20.1 million people on life-saving antiretroviral treatment, and enabling 5.5 million babies to be born HIV-free to mothers living with HIV. The reauthorization of PEPFAR is before Congress this year.

Speakers:

Agnes Kalibata, *President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA)*

Saul Guerrero, *Senior Advisor, UNICEF*

Carrie Hessler-Radelet, *President & CEO, Global Communities*

11:30 – 11:40 AM: Break**11:40 AM – 1:20 PM: Roundtable Discussion:*****Africa – a Nexus in the U.S.-China Competition***

Beginning in the late 1990s, China significantly increased its resources devoted to the African continent, expanding investment, educational and cultural programs, military cooperation, and political influence. Beijing's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), launched in 2013 as a massive global infrastructure program, further ramped up commercial engagement with Africa. Although the United States provides significantly more development assistance to Africa, China is the continent's leading bilateral trade partner, exceeding that of the U.S. by about four times. China's foreign direct investment in Africa outpaces that from America by two-fold.

Increasingly, China's expanding commercial, diplomatic, and strategic posture in Africa has become intertwined in the power competition as significant tensions between Beijing and Washington evolve globally. More recently, the U.S. appears to be stepping up its own efforts to engage the continent and compete more directly with China. In December 2022 at the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit, the Biden Administration pledged to invest \$55 billion in Africa over the next three years. In the August 2022 "U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa" proposal, the White House stated that the United States and its allies were committed to advance "high standards, values-driven, and transparent investments in Africa, as well as address political and security crises." In contrast, the Strategy characterized China's engagement on the continent as expanding its own narrow commercial and geopolitical interests that challenged the rules-based order, undercut transparency, and weakened American relations with the people and governments of Africa.

Speakers:

Steve Radelet, *Director, Global Human Development Program, Georgetown University*

Gyude Moore, *former Minister of Public Works, Liberia; Senior Policy Fellow, Center for Global Development*

1:20 – 2:10 PM: Working Lunch

Discussion continues between members of Congress and scholars on U.S. development partnership with Africa.

2:15 – 3:45 PM: Educational Site Visit***Severe Acute Malnutrition Clinic***

Severe acute malnutrition (SAM) results from insufficient energy, fat, protein and/or other nutrients (vitamins and minerals) to cover an individual's needs. A common method of treating children with SAM is the use of ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF), a highly fortified energy-dense paste. In Kenya, following five consecutive failed rainy seasons and an unyielding drought, especially in the northern and eastern parts of the country, serious food insecurity remains an issue. UNICEF estimates that

nearly 250,000 children between the ages of 6 and 59 months living in Kenya are in need of treatment for SAM.

3:45 – 5 PM: Educational Site Visit

Insta Products

Insta Products (Insta), founded in 2002, is on a mission to tackle malnutrition and stunting in Africa with sustainable food solutions. In 2012, the company was acquired by Dhiren Chandaria and family who have made significant strides in streamlining the manufacturing of ready-to-use therapeutic food (RUTF), a critical product for food aid relief efforts throughout Africa. RUTFs and associated supplements are energy-dense, mineral- and vitamin-enriched food specifically designed to treat severe acute malnutrition (SAM).

Now Insta stands out as the largest producer of RUTF in East Africa with purchase orders from global food assistance organizations. Insta has a Long Term Arrangement with UNICEF and fills recurring orders from WFP, USAID, and MSF. About 70 percent of the company's therapeutic foods are being used to treat drought-related malnutrition in Somalia, Kenya, South Sudan and Uganda as well as refugees at the Kakuma Camp. Insta is also supporting the development of the groundnut value chain in Turkana county for enhanced economic integration and self-reliance. In August 2023, Chandaria and team are set to open a brand new manufacturing facility in Nairobi, which also aims to meet UN environmental sustainability goals within the next decade.

7 – 9:30 PM: Working Dinner

Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on the U.S. role in women's empowerment in Africa.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16:

6 AM: Grab-and-go Breakfast

6:05 - 6:15 AM: Transit to Airport

7:15 - 8 AM: Flight to Maasai Mara National Reserve

8 - 1 PM: Educational Site Visit

Maasai Mara National Reserve

During the site visit, members of Congress will get a better understanding of the critical role conservation and sound natural resource management play in poverty alleviation, sustainable economic development, and regional security for Kenya and other developing countries.

The session will also focus on the role of U.S. investment in the region. While in the reserve, members of Congress will meet with community leaders, government officials, and leading local and U.S.-based conservation organizations. The group will learn about innovative ways U.S. private and public investment in the region provides support to

biodiversity conservation and management efforts – while strengthening the ability of local communities to manage and conserve species, habitats, and ecological processes.

There is a crisis in Africa of poaching and international trafficking of wildlife products. The decimation of elephants and other species is threatening to overturn decades of conservation and development gains. The reserve visit will highlight this issue and the implications for U.S. economic and national security interests.

The United States through USAID has invested tens of millions of dollars over the past 20 years in priority conservation areas – including community wildlife conservancies and tourism-based programs that benefit African communities. These programs provide jobs for people in the developing world, sustain economies, and contribute significantly to peace and stability.

1 PM – 3 PM: Working Lunch

The Maasai Mara National Reserve scientists will talk about the process of conservation, its impact on global wildlife, local economy and political stability.

3 - 3:15 PM: Transit to Airport

3:30 – 4:30 PM: Flight to Nairobi and return to hotel

6 – 7 PM: Pre-Dinner Remarks:

Empowering Women in African Communities

Maria Nzomo will address the substantial impact of empowering women who then become change makers that improve health conditions, expand economic opportunity, and reduce poverty in their communities.

Speaker: *Maria Nzomo, Professor, University of Nairobi; former Kenyan Ambassador to the United Nations and World Trade Organization in Geneva*

7 – 8:30 PM: Working Dinner

Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on conservation efforts in Africa and its worldwide impact.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17:

Today only there will be two different agendas for Members of Congress and Congressional spouses, foundation representatives, and scholars. Please pay close attention to the agenda for your group.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 – AGENDA FOR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

6 – 6:45 AM: Breakfast for Members of Congress Traveling to Kakuma Refugee Camp

6:45 – 7 AM: Transit to airport

8 – 9:30 AM: Board flight and travel to Kakuma Refugee Camp

**9:30 AM – 3:30 PM Members of Congress Educational Site Visit
Kakuma Refugee Camp**

Kakuma Refugee Camp, located in northwestern Kenya, was established in 1992 when the “Lost Boys of Sudan” arrived, fleeing conflict in Darfur. At the same time, large groups of Ethiopians and Somalis fled their country following the fall of the Ethiopian government and growing civil strife in Somalia. Today, the camp is one of the world’s largest, housing 250,000 refugees and asylum seekers and supporting children and families from various countries, including South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Burundi, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Eritrea, Uganda, and Rwanda.

With such an unprecedented number of refugees in one place, the conditions in Kakuma are harsh. The camp’s resources and infrastructure are overtaxed causing rampant malnutrition and the spread of infectious disease. Currently, new arrivals number 12,000, overwhelming the reception center’s capacity of 5,000.

The camp is managed by the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) while food support is provided through the U.N.’s World Food Programme (WFP). The United States is a major contributor to UNHCR and WFP, and since 2015, the U.S. government has provided about \$790 million in assistance to refugees in Kenya, including Kakuma.

3:30 – 5 PM Members of Congress board plane and travel from Kakuma Refugee Camp back to Nairobi

7 – 9 PM: Working Dinner with the Local Peace Corps Leadership
Members of Congress, their spouses, foundation representatives, and scholars reconvene in the evening for a working dinner. Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on the Kakuma Refugee Camp and the KILELE project in Embu, Kenya.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17 – AGENDA FOR CONGRESSIONAL SPOUSES, FOUNDATION REPRESENTATIVES, AND SCHOLARS:

6:30 – 8:30 AM: Breakfast Available

8:30-10 AM: Breakfast Discussion

Speakers:

Lisa McGovern, Executive Director, Congressional Families Cancer Prevention
Benda Kithaka, Executive Director, KILELE Health Association

Guests:

Mary Nyangasi, *Head of National Cancer Control Program*

Mary Wangai, *Technical Advisor on Thamani Yetu Project*

Jane Kabaki, *Board Member and a Cancer survivor*

Pamela Savai, *Cervical Cancer Survivor*

Kui Karur, *Cancer Survivor*

The Congressional Families Cancer Prevention Program is a program funded by the Prevent Cancer Foundation, which also funds KILELE to prevent cervical cancer in Kenyan communities. This session will highlight the Foundation's impactful work and organizations it supports, like KILELE. Lisa McGovern and Benda Kithaka will discuss KILELE's cervical cancer program, which is working to reach 40,000 Kenyans in Mbeere, a rural, resource-poor hard-to-reach part of Embu, Kenya. The program engages with the community and provides human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations, cervical cancer screenings and treatment. These efforts also address myths and misconceptions hindering women's access to lifesaving, preventive health care. Cervical cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths in Kenya, with more than 3,200 dying annually.

10-11:30 AM: Break**11:45 - 1 PM: Lunch Discussion with Mandela Washington Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI) Fellows**

The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders is the flagship program of the U.S. Government's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). YALI was created in 2010 and celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2020. Established in 2014, the Mandela Washington Fellowship has brought nearly 5,800 young leaders from every country in Sub-Saharan Africa to the United States for academic and leadership training. The Fellows, between the ages of 25 and 35, are accomplished innovators and leaders in their communities and countries.

1:30 PM: Board Bus to Site Visit**1:45 – 3:30 PM: Educational Site Visit to EPZ Exotica - AGOA Macadamia Nut Factory**

A site visit to Exotic EPZ is a solely women-owned macadamia nut processing and export company. Over the past five years, the company has become a major exporter of nuts; it currently exports \$1m annually to the US and its products can be found at Costco. Exotic employs over 100 workers and sources raw nuts from over 5000 smallholder farmers. Of the company's workers, 85% are women and 75% are youth.

3:30 - 4 PM: Bus Returns to Hotel**7 – 9 PM: Working Dinner with the Local Peace Corps Leadership**

Members of Congress, their spouses, foundation representatives, and scholars reconvene in the evening for a working dinner. Seating is arranged to expose participants to a diverse range of views and provide the opportunity for a meaningful

exchange of ideas. Scholars and lawmakers are rotated daily. Discussions will focus on the Kakuma Refugee Camp and the KILELE project in Embu, Kenya.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18:

6:30 – 9 AM: Breakfast

9 – 11 AM: Key Conference Takeaways and Policy Reflections (Members of Congress Only)

All attendees can remain in the meeting room, however, this session is only for Members of Congress to discuss ideas and policies.

This time is set aside for Members of Congress to reflect on what they learned during the conference and discuss their views on implications for U.S. policy.

11 AM – 2 PM: Educational Site Visit

Kentegra Biotechnology Pyrethrum Processing Facility

Once Kenya's third largest export, pyrethrum is a naturally occurring mixture of chemicals found in chrysanthemums that are extracted and refined into pale refined extract (PRE), an active ingredient used to formulate organic insecticides and pesticides. Kenya contributed more than 80 percent of the global supply and was a major supplier to the U.S. until the late 1990s, with over 300,000 farmers growing chrysanthemums.

Kentegra Biotechnology, a U.S. firm based in Kenya, is at the forefront of the pyrethrum revival. The company has contracted with more than 9,000 farmers growing over 2,000 acres across seven counties and has invested over \$4.5 million to build a factory in Athi River. The organization operates two nurseries in Nakuru county. Kentegra's work specifically focuses on increasing the participation of women and youth. Currently, women make up 44 percent of Kentegra farmers' 70 percent of its nursery staff. Kentegra partners with both USAID and the U.S. Development Finance Corporation.

2 – 3:30 PM: Working Lunch

The lunch discussion will focus on U.S. based firms like Kentegra in Kenya and major African-based exporters to America, like MAS Intimates. What do these types of business investments mean in terms of economic growth and political stability in Africa, as well as U.S. economic growth and our own national security interests?

3 - 6 PM: Check out from the hotel

6:30 – 8:30 PM: Dinner Available

3 – 10:30 PM: Participants depart the hotel for the airport to return to the United States

Sen. Carper and Mrs. Carper depart Nairobi at 10:45 pm on British Airways

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19:

Sen. Carper and Mrs. Carper arrive in Philadelphia at 1:01 pm on American 729.

Grantmaking Organization Certification Form

Instructions: If a sponsor receives funds from a grantmaking organization, the sponsor must disclose this on the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form*, and the grantmaking organization must complete the *Grantmaking Organization Certification Form*. The completed *Grantmaking Organization Certification Form* must be submitted to the Senate Select Committee on Ethics by the trip sponsor at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date.

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Trip Name: U.S. Foreign Policy in Africa: Interests, Opportunities and Challenges

Travel Date(s): August 12-19, 2023

Destination(s): Nairobi, Kenya

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Senior Program Officer

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6/20/2023

(Date)



The Honorable Tom Carper

U.S. Senate
Washington, DC 20515-0306

Dear Senator Carper,

I would like to invite you and Martha to participate in a bipartisan, bicameral congressional conference on international development, global health, and food security in **Nairobi, Kenya, August 12-19, 2023**. Participants would depart the U.S. on Saturday, August 12 and return to the U.S. Saturday, August 19. We have limited space, so this invite does not guarantee a seat at the conference table. If you would like to participate, please get back to us **by Wednesday, May 3, 2023**.

This educational conference will focus on a range of issues concerning the importance of African and American interests. Through a series of roundtables and project site visits, participants will learn about and discuss current security, economic, and development challenges facing the continent and ways in which the United States can best partner with countries in Africa. The program will include a specific focus on health and pandemic preparedness, food security and nutrition, private sector growth and trade, and ways in which to address the growing influence of China in the region. The agenda will also incorporate issues that will require Congressional attention and action such as PEPFAR reauthorization, AGOA extension, and funding for various U.S. agencies supporting programs in Africa. The detailed agenda is forthcoming.

Attendance is by invitation only, no outside observers, no lobbyists, no congressional staff, and no media. All conference sessions are off-the-record. No foreign governments or special interest funds are accepted to fund the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. As required by the House and Senate ethics rules, we will provide congressional participants with ethics private sponsor forms completed and signed.

Travel expenses, including airfare, meals and lodging will be paid for by the Aspen Institute; no expenses for entertainment or recreation are paid for in compliance with ethics rules.

The Congressional Program is part of the Aspen Institute, Inc. a nonprofit organization founded in 1950. The Congressional Program is celebrating its 40th year this year and was created to promote leadership on public policy by bringing together legislators from both political parties with internationally renowned scholars for high level discussions and analysis. Since our program's inception, more than 497 members of Congress have participated in the 154 domestic and international conferences.

We hope you can join us for this important conference.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. W. Dent', is located below the 'Sincerely,' text on the left side of the page.

Charlie Dent

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