

RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

Date/Time Stamp

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):

United Nations Foundation

Travel Dates:

April 1-8, 2023

Name of accompanying family member (if any):**Relationship to Traveler:**

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
\$5,022.15	\$531.37	\$290.83	\$85.31 (translators); \$38 (visa); \$9.23 (cultural activity/guide)

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

- The final **Employee Pre-Travel Authorization** (Form RE-1)
- The final **Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form** with all attachments
- The final invitation
- The final approved itinerary

Finally, 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

5/8/23

Date

Elizabeth OBagy

Printed Name 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

5/8/23

Date



Signature of Supervising 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
Transportation	\$5,022.15	Cost of airfare to/from Madagascar increased, resulting in total transportation costs of \$5,022.15 vs. original estimate of \$4,486.
Lodging	\$531.37	Cost of hotels decreased, resulting in total lodging expenses of \$531.37 vs. original estimate \$820.
Meals	\$290.83	Cost of in-country meals decreased, resulting in total meal expenses of \$290.83 vs. original estimate of \$303.
Other	\$132.54	Cost of translation services decreased, resulting in total expense of \$85.31 vs original estimate of \$300. Cost of Madagascar visa increased, resulting in total expense of \$38 vs. original estimate of \$10. Had unanticipated expense for cultural activity and guide, resulting in new expense of \$9.23.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Explanation:

- 1) A working dinner with Catholic Relief Services was added to Monday but then had to be cancelled, resulting in extension of Monday's working lunch, the UNDP "Fixing the Dunes" site visit, and the WFP Rapid Rural Transformation site visit each by 30 minutes.
- 2) Thursday's working lunch with the EU Delegation was moved to Wednesday.
- 3) Wednesday's working lunch with USAID was moved to Thursday.
- 4) Thursday's working dinner was held with Mr. Gilles Chevalier, UNICEF Deputy Representative in Madagascar and Mr. Marc Regnault de la Mothe, WFP Deputy Representative in Madagascar instead of Mr. Jean Francois Bass, UNICEF Resident Representative in Madagascar and Ms. Pasqualina Di Sirio, WFP Representative in Madagascar

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

☐ Yes ☐ No

Explanation:



**UNF Congressional Learning Trip to Madagascar
April 1-8, 2023**

All Times Local
+7 hours from Washington, DC

Saturday, April 1 --- Travel

Attire: Casual.

10:45am Depart Dulles International Airport (IAD) on Ethiopian 501 to Addis Ababa Bole International Airport (ADD)
Flight time 13h 15m

Sunday, April 2 --- Travel/Arrival

Attire: Casual/Business Casual.

7:00am Arrive ADD
Layover 1h 50m

8:50am Depart ADD on Ethiopian 853 to Antananarivo International Airport (TNR)
Flight time 4h 50m

1:40pm Arrive TNR

2:10pm Travel via hired car to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront

3:00pm – 3:30pm Check-in to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront

3:30pm – 5:30pm Executive Time

5:30pm – 6:00pm **UN Department of Safety and Security and U.S. Regional Security Office Briefing**

The delegation will receive a briefing from the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) and the U.S. Embassy Regional Security Office (RSO). The two offices will detail the current political and security situation in Madagascar and provide guidance on any safety protocols that must be adhered to during the course of the learning trip.

Location: Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront

6:00pm – 7:30pm **Working Dinner with Mr. Issa Sanogo, UN Resident Coordinator in Madagascar, Amb. Claire Pierangelo, U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar and the Comoros, and Ms. Anne Williams, USAID Mission Director Madagascar**

The delegation will have a working dinner with Mr. Issa Sanogo, UN Resident Coordinator in Madagascar; Amb. Claire Pierangelo, U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar and the Comoros; and Ms. Anne Williams, USAID Mission Director Madagascar to discuss the major food security and nutrition challenges in Madagascar in preparation for the week's programming. We will, additionally, review the agenda and clarify any outstanding questions.

Location: Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront

Overnight Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront
Zone Tana Waterfront, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar
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Monday, April 3 --- Antananarivo/Travel/Ambovombe

Attire: Business Casual.

5:30am – 6:00am	Breakfast at the hotel. Leave large luggage with the porter.
6:00am – 6:20am	Transit via hired car to Antananarivo airfield
6:20am – 7:00am	Check-in for flight
7:00am – 8:15am	UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) Flight from Antananarivo to Ambovombe (via Mananjary) <i>Flight time 1h 15m</i>
8:15am – 8:45am	Refueling at Mananjary
8:45am – 10:45am	UNHAS Flight from Mananjary to Ambovombe <i>Flight time 2h 0m</i>
10:45am – 11:00am	Transit via hired car to the Office of Mr. Lahimaro Tsimandilatse Soja, Governor of the Androy Region
11:00am – 11:45am	Courtesy Meeting with Gov. Lahimaro Tsimandilatse Soja

The delegation will have a courtesy meeting with Mr. Lahimaro Tsimandilatse Soja, Governor of the Androy Region, to inform him of the purpose of the delegation's visit and learn how the regional government is partnering with the UN to treat and prevent malnutrition, respond to climate and agricultural shocks, and alleviate food insecurity in Southern Madagascar.

Location: Office of Gov. Lahimaro Tsimandilatse Soja, Ground Floor Conference Room

11:45am – 12:00pm Transit via hired car to Hôtel Nessate

12:00pm – 12:45pm **Working Lunch with Ambovombe-based World Food Programme (WFP) Colleagues**

The delegation will have a working lunch with Ambovombe-based WFP colleagues to learn about the food insecurity situation in Southern Madagascar, where severe drought and climate extremes have caused an almost total disappearance of food sources. In early 2021, for the first time in the country, pockets of Phase 5, or ‘Catastrophe’ food insecurity on the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, were recorded in the region. The delegation will learn about the history of the crisis, its impact on local communities, and the ongoing UN-coordinated response.

Location: Ground Floor Banquet Hall, Hôtel Nessate

12:45pm – 1:15pm Transit via hired car to Maroalmainty

1:15pm – 2:45pm **WFP Food Distribution Point Site Visit**

The delegation will visit a food distribution site where WFP is providing emergency food assistance through general food distributions (GFDs) to meet the immediate food needs of vulnerable drought-affected and food-insecure people in southern Madagascar. At this site, WFP also engages in the prevention of acute malnutrition among children between 6 and 23 months and pregnant and lactating women through the distribution of nutrition supplements, awareness-raising sessions, and screening.

The delegation will also visit the outpatient rehabilitation and nutrition education center onsite and meet with members of the local community who receive nutritional support to prevent nutritional deterioration and meet with WFP staff that conduct screenings for acute malnutrition and monitor the evolution of children's mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC).

Location: Maroalmainty, Ambovombe

2:45pm – 3:00pm Transit via hired car to UNDP Project Site

3:00pm – 3:30pm **UN Development Programme (UNDP) “Fixing the Dunes” Project Visit**

The delegation will visit a UNDP sand dune-fixing project, which is strengthening the resilience of local communities in Androy to drought and contributing to the preservation of crop fields. Fishing communities in Southern Madagascar have been severely impacted by sand that has begun sweeping onto the coast from dry areas inland. Houses, schools, and once lush, green stretches of land have been buried in sand, engulfing entire villages and forcing hundreds of people to move away from the sea or risk having their homes subsumed.

UNDP's "Fixing the Dunes" project aims to stave off these encroaching dunes by planting three kinds of flora adapted to sand and drought, whose roots sink into the sand and stop dunes from moving. Lalandia, a creeping plant, retains soil moisture, while sisal and filao grow large enough to lessen the impact of the wind. Once fully grown and providing sufficient protection, they can also be used to build shelters and for firewood, thus limiting deforestation. This intervention is based on the progressive approach aimed at stabilizing income, building up savings, supporting community organization, technical support and finally setting up a revolving fund.

Location: Maroalomainty, Ambovombe District

3:30pm – 4:00pm Transit via hired car to WFP Rapid Rural Transformation Site

4:00pm – 5:00pm **WFP Rapid Rural Transformation Programme Site Visit**

The delegation will visit a WFP solar energy transformation project that is part of the organization's rapid rural transformation (RRT) initiative, which aims to stimulate income-generating activities through agricultural transformation. The delegation will examine Solar-Powered Hubs that provide the community with sustainable off-grid green energy solutions. In addition to new entrepreneurship opportunities, the availability of new affordable and sustainable energy solutions has helped increase access to water for potable use and irrigation, run healthcare equipment, increase internet connectivity, and develop agricultural value chains.

Location: Anjamahavelo, Ifotaka District

5:00pm – 5:45pm Transit via hired car to Berenty Lodge

5:45pm Arrive Berenty Lodge

5:45pm – 7:00pm Executive Time

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Working Dinner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**

The delegation will have a working dinner with CRS staff based in Southern Madagascar to learn how the NGO is working to combat hunger and malnutrition in the Grand Sud. CRS is providing over \$20 million of emergency food assistance to the South of Madagascar for the next two years, including food assistance to over 220,000 people and nutrition counseling and monitoring to over 25,000 children. CRS is also repairing water points to provide much needed water to people in this extremely arid environment.

Location: Berenty Lodge

Overnight Berenty Lodge
Réserve de Berenty, Amboasary, Madagascar

Note: The electricity at Berenty Lodge is turned off at 10:00pm.

Tuesday, April 4 --- Ambovombe

Attire: Field Dress.

6:45am – 7:30am Breakfast at the hotel

7:30am – 9:15am Transit via hired car to UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Integrated Healthcare Center

9:15am – 10:45am UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Integrated Health Center Site Visit

The delegation will visit a basic health center supported by UNICEF that integrates the full package of high impact nutrition interventions. This includes treatment for severe acute malnutrition, a critical intervention in nutrition crisis situations such as those experienced since 2019. Treatment for severe acute malnutrition is carried out by trained nurses using a medical-nutritional protocol that includes the use of therapeutic nutrition products and medical treatment for an average treatment duration of 45 days.

Madagascar is one of the worst countries in terms of child survival and health coverage, with UNICEF projecting 2.4 million Malagasy children will require humanitarian assistance in 2023, including 479,000 children aged 6-59 months who are expected to suffer acute malnourishment through the lean season. Increased stress and economic pressure on families expose 533,000 children to violence, abuse and exploitation, including child marriage, child labour and gender-based violence. Through a network of integrated health centers, UNICEF is treating 92,000 children with severe wasting, 759,000 children with Vitamin A supplementation, and providing 230,000 women and children with gender-based violence mitigation services.

Location: Ambondro

10:45am – 11:00am Transit via hired car to UNICEF Water Desalination Site at Ambondro Primary School

11:00am – 11:45am UNICEF Water Desalination Site Visit

The delegation will visit a UNICEF Water Desalination Systems and Multipurpose Water Points Project at a primary school in Ambondro that is producing potable water for drought-affected communities.

Southern Madagascar has the country’s lowest water supply coverage, seriously limiting access to potable drinking water and prompting many families to resort to negative coping strategies to the detriment of their children – such as discontinuing their children’s education in order to afford water sold at exorbitant prices. In rural areas, only 36% of households utilize improved water facilities, like using borehole drilling (a deep, narrow hole

made in the ground, especially to locate water); however, this method has a very low success rate due to the scarcity of groundwater and the high level of salinity.

Like many others, the commune of Ambondro suffers from salinity in the water table, making the water unfit for consumption. This project consists of the installation of a reverse osmosis desalination system to treat mineral-laden water to provide drinking water and the installation of several drip irrigation kits to help improve the health and economic conditions of the population. The project is under way and is expected to be operational by mid-April 2023, improving access to drinking water for about 5,900 inhabitants.

Location: Ambondro Primary School

11:45am – 12:00pm Transit via hired car to town hall

12:00pm – 1:00pm **Working Lunch with Ambovombe-based UNDP, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Colleagues**

The delegation will have a working lunch with Ambovombe-based colleagues to learn how UNDP, FAO, and IFAD are working collaboratively to respond to the food security challenges in Southern Madagascar while avoiding inter-agency duplication and redundancy.

Location: Town hall

1:00pm – 1:15pm Transit via hired car to FAO Site

1:15pm – 2:30pm **FAO Animal Husbandry and Micro-Irrigation Site Visit**

The delegation will visit a local shareholder farm supported by FAO's Irrigation and Watershed Management programme, which seeks to increase farming productivity and enable the conservative management of natural resources. The micro-irrigation system deployed at this site utilizes a drop-by-drop distribution system connected to a cistern powered by a submerged pump (flow 1.1m³ per hour) and two photovoltaic panels of 80 Watts each. This system makes it possible to irrigate 500m² of crop plot on which farmers can do at least three crop cycles and up to 1000m² thanks to the micro-irrigation system. This device is being scaled up.

The delegation will meet with chicken breeders of the Kuroiler breed, introduced by the FAO in 2021 in the South-East Region of Madagascar and promoted in the Grand Sud regions. This is a resilient and successful breed, bred for both eggs and meat. Thanks to income from market gardening, agricultural producers have been able to develop their livestock, and vice versa.

The delegation will also be able to meet with associations of quality seed producers and multipliers trained by FAO on the site, and who are certified by the official national seed certification service (SOC). The seed production is not interrupted throughout the year thanks to the irrigation system. These associations provide the community with quality seeds, and FAO also buys back a part of their production to provide other agricultural households with support for their agricultural activities revival.

The delegation will also be able to discuss with small ruminants breeders on this same site, for whom the FAO has introduced a new breed of goat, given training on animal feed and health, and in the construction of modern goat houses allowing a better development of livestock.

Location: Ambondro

2:30pm – 2:45pm Transit via hired car to IFAD Site

2:45pm – 3:00pm **IFAD Eco-Agriculture Site Visit**

The delegation will visit a large plot of land where farmers are implementing new UN-supported eco-agriculture practices to overcome cyclical problems linked to drought and climate change. Through the dissemination of appropriate and more effective technical and technological packages, the distribution of millet, sorghum and legumes (adapted to drought conditions) and the establishment of a cattle feeding system, IFAD is promoting sustainable agriculture and improving the nutritional situation of households.

The project was designed to make poor rural people's access to land and water more secure through the productive development of arable land and the sustainable management of valley bottoms and micro attachment areas—allowing for the adoption of sustainable practices in annual crops, i.e. water management, no tillage/residue management, to lay sustainable intensification and diversification of irrigated and rainfed agricultural systems in watersheds, as well as reducing deforestation and developing forested areas. This allows for sustainably improving and securing farmers incomes, as well as integrating people who have recently immigrated into the zone and contributing to climate change mitigation.

The project aims to train at least 2,500 members of the local community in the cultivation of high-performance legumes, cereals, and fodder in semi-arid conditions. At least 1500 Ha of area will be cultivated by more efficient species and scaled up innovative agro-ecological techniques have been adapted with food crops as an income-generating activity: cassava, sweet potato, maize, sorghum, cowpea, konoke, spineless cactus, etc.

Location: Ambondro

3:00pm – 3:15pm Transit via hired car to UNDP Project Site

3:15pm – 4:15pm **UNDP Sisal Processing Cooperative Site Visit**

The delegation will visit the Miraihina cooperative, which helps strengthen the communities' resilience in the face of drought, while protecting cultural practices. Sisal has grown abundantly for generations across Madagascar. It's easy to maintain and because of its deep taproots can withstand harsh winds and floods. Communities have primarily used it for making rope. But long-standing drought, destructive cyclones and pests have caused poor harvests over the past several years.

The delegation will learn how 100 beneficiaries (70 women and 30 men) have learned to process sisal, for which the climate in southern Madagascar is favorable, and to dye and weave sisal into more elaborate—and marketable—artisan craft products that are sold, providing a stable source of income for the community. The delegation will meet with community members who have been trained on sisal planting (theoretical and practical); the transformation of sisal into finished products and marketing; and the maintenance and management of machinery and equipment.

Location: Agnafondravoay Village

4:15 – 6:00pm Transit via hired car to hotel

6:00pm – 7:00pm Executive Time

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Working Dinner Debrief with Mr. Issa Sanogo, UN Resident Coordinator in Madagascar and Ms. Astrid Clarke, Head of Office and Strategic Planner**

The delegation will have a working dinner debrief with UN colleagues to discuss lessons learned in Ambovombe and prepare for business meetings to take place upon return to Antananarivo.

Location: Berenty Lodge

Overnight Berenty Lodge
Réserve de Berenty, Amboasary, Madagascar

Note: The electricity at Berenty Lodge is shut off at 10:00pm.

Wednesday, April 5 --- Berenty/Travel/Antananarivo

Attire: Field Dress/Business Casual.

5:45am – 6:15am Breakfast and hotel check-out

6:15am – 7:30am Transit via hired car to Ambovombe airfield

7:30am – 8:00am Check-in for flight

- 8:00am – 11:50am UNHAS Flight from Ambovombe to Antananarivo
Flight time: 3h 50m (with refueling stop)
- 11:50am – 12:30pm Arrival and transit via hired car to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo
- 12:30pm – 1:00pm Executive Time
- 1:00pm – 1:15pm Transit via hired car to La Plantation
- 1:15pm – 3:00pm **Working Lunch with Ms. Anne N. Williams, USAID Mission Director and USAID Country Team**

The delegation will have a working lunch with Anne N. Williams, USAID Mission Director and the USAID Country Team to discuss U.S. bilateral and multilateral support for global hunger and food security initiatives in Madagascar.

The U.S. recently designated Madagascar as a target country for both the global Feed the Future initiative and USAID's new resilience initiative and how such designations will deliver significant new U.S. investments that will help Madagascar improve its food security and develop its agricultural sector.

For nearly four decades, the U.S., through USAID, has been Madagascar's foremost development partner, working side-by-side with the Malagasy people like "mpirahalaho mianala" to help the country achieve its development goals. In 2021, USAID provided Madagascar \$182 million development assistance, including \$72 million to control malaria and improve maternal and child health, family planning, water and sanitation, and nutrition. The United States also donated \$87 million for food security and emergency assistance, \$13.5 million to fight COVID 19, and \$8.25 million to protect the environment.

Location: La Plantation

- 3:00pm – 3:30pm Transit via hired car to Antanimena
- 3:30pm – 5:30pm **FAO Green Cities Initiative Site Visit and Meeting with Mr. Naina Andriantsitohaina, Mayor of Antananarivo**

The delegation will visit an FAO Green Cities Initiative site in Antananarivo and meet with the Mayor of Antananarivo and/or his Director of Economic Development, as well as with the staff of the Urban Commune of Antananarivo to learn about the initiatives supported by FAO for the rehabilitation of the city and the integration of urban food systems in the activities.

Launched in September 2020, FAO's Green Cities Initiative aims to improve the livelihoods and well-being of urban and peri-urban populations in at least 100 cities around the world. The Green Cities Initiative focuses on improving

urban environments and strengthening urban-rural linkages and the resilience of urban systems, services, and populations to external shocks. In addition, the Initiative works to ensure access to healthy diets from sustainable agri-food systems, increasing availability of green spaces through urban and peri-urban forestry. This site (one of 5 in the city) has a composting area, a nursery for fruit and ornamental trees, model vegetables gardens and farms, a shop/kiosk selling agro ecological products, and a space for youth training in urban agriculture (roof gardens, home gardens, vertical farms, aquaculture, etc.). FAO trained the commune's staff in climate-smart and nutrition-sensitive ecological urban agriculture practices and donated resilient plant seeds and planting materials as well as equipment for nursery and site maintenance.

Location: Antanimena

5:30pm – 6:00pm Transit via hired car to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront

6:00pm – 6:45pm Executive Time

6:45pm – 7:00pm Transfer to Residence of U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar

7:00pm – 9:15pm **Working Dinner with Amb. Claire Pierangelo and the U.S. Country Team**

The delegation will have a working dinner with Amb. Claire Pierangelo and the U.S. Country Team to discuss U.S.-Madagascar relations and provide an overview of bilateral and multilateral support for global hunger and food security initiatives in Madagascar.

Location: Residence of U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar

9:15pm – 9:45pm Transit via hired car to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront

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Thursday, April 6 --- Antananarivo

Attire: Business/Business Casual.

8:30am – 9:30am Breakfast at the hotel

9:30am – 10:00am Transit via hired car to Madagascar Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10:00am – 11:00am **Meeting with Madagascar Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

The delegation will have a high-level discussion with the Madagascar Ministry of Foreign Affairs to share observations from their field visit to Ambovombe and learn how the national government is partnering with the

U.S. and the UN to treat and prevent malnutrition, respond to climate and agricultural shocks, and alleviate food insecurity across the country.

Location: Madagascar Ministry of Foreign Affairs

11:00am – 11:30am Transit via hired car to JB-TANJAKA Food Factory

11:30pm – 12:30pm **JB-TANJAKA Food Factory Visit**

The delegation will visit JB-TANJAKA Food's Antananarivo factory, where the company manufactures Plumpy-type products—lipid-based Ready-to-Use Foods (RUTF) that are used for the treatment or prevention of acute malnutrition or for use in emergencies and situations of acute food shortage when energy, macro- and micronutrients, and essential fatty acid requirements cannot be met by locally available/accessible foods, or when the state of the patient requires it. In addition to sales to public health sector and NGO's, JB will also soon be distributing these nutritional supplements directly to the poorest households in Madagascar. The delegation will meet with factory leadership, factory workers, and learn about the plumpy'nut RUTF manufacturing process and its nutritional impact across Madagascar.

Location: JB-TANJAKA Food Factory

12:30pm – 1:00 pm Transit via hired car to Restaurant Sakamanga

1:00pm – 2:00pm **Working Lunch with the EU Delegation to Madagascar**

The delegation will have a working lunch with the EU Delegation to Madagascar to learn how European partners, through the Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (DG ECHO), systematically works to meet the immediate needs of victims of natural disasters and other climate-related challenges in terms of food, access to water and sanitation, basic health care, and more.

Madagascar is the 5th most vulnerable country to climate change and has faced for several years a multiplication of extreme events linked to climate variations, regularly prompting humanitarian emergencies. EU humanitarian funding for Madagascar amounted to €19.9 million in 2022, including nearly €2 million for the response to the 2021/2022 cyclonic season. The EU and its Member States have strongly contributed to the Government's immediate response to help the affected populations. In addition, the European Commission provided €1 million in humanitarian assistance to support vaccination efforts in Madagascar.

Location: Restaurant Sakamanga

2:00pm – 2:45pm Transit via hired car to Royal Hill of Ambohimanga (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

2:45pm – 4:15pm **Royal Hill of Ambohimanga Visit and Briefing by Hubert Gijzen, UNESCO Regional Director**

The delegation will visit the Royal Hill of Ambohimanga—one of the most important spiritual, cultural, and historical sites for the Malagasy people and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001. First occupied in the fifteenth century, the Royal Hill of Ambohimanga emerged as a fortified political capital and royal palace during the reign of King Andriantsimitoviaminandriana (r. 1740–1745), eventually becoming the cradle of the kingdom and the dynasty that made Madagascar a modern state. The Royal Hill has since then become the most significant symbol of cultural identity for the people of Madagascar and is associated with strong feelings of identity and emotion relating to the sacred nature of the site and its many venerated royal tombs, numerous holy places (fountains, sacred basins and woods, sacrificial stones), and majestic royal trees.

During the visit, the delegation will receive a briefing from Hubert Gijzen, UNESCO Regional Director, on how UNESCO works with the Madagascar Ministry of Culture and the Office of the Cultural Site of Ambohimanga (OSCAR), to maintain and protect Royal Hill, as well as coordinate with national authorities to develop regional economic incentives connected to the Royal Hill of Ambohimanga, enhancing employment opportunities for the local population.

4:15pm – 5:00pm Transit via hired card to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront

5:00pm – 6:30pm Executive Time

6:30pm – 7:00pm Transit via hired car to Café du Musée

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Working Dinner with Mr. Jean Francois Bass, UNICEF Resident Representative in Madagascar and Ms. Pasqualina Di Sirio, WFP Representative in Madagascar**

The delegation will have a working dinner with Mr. Jean Francois Bass, UNICEF Resident Representative in Madagascar and Ms. Pasqualina Di Sirio, WFP Representative in Madagascar to discuss the major factors driving severe acute malnutrition in Madagascar, and UNICEF and WFP's work preventing and treating malnutrition, and reaching food insecure populations.

Location: Café du Musée

8:30pm – 9:00pm Transit via hired car to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront

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Friday, April 7 --- Antananarivo/Travel*Attire: Casual.***9:00am – 10:30am Working Breakfast Debrief with UN and U.S. Colleagues**

The delegation will have a working breakfast 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 Madagascar.

Location: Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront

10:30am – 11:40am Executive Time

11:40am Travel via hired car to TNR

12:40pm Check-in for flight

2:40pm Depart TNR on Ethiopian 852 to ADD
Flight time 4h 40m

7:20pm Arrive ADD
Layover 3h 20m

10:40pm Depart ADD on Ethiopian 500 to IAD
Flight time 16h 45m

Saturday, April 8 --- Travel*Attire: Casual*

8:25am Arrive IAD

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.

Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF)

Grantmaking Organization: United Nations Foundation (UNF)

Private Sponsor: UNF Congressional Learning Trip to Madagascar

Trip Name: April 1-8, 2023

Travel Date(s): Antananarivo and Ambovombe, Madagascar

Destination(s): _____

In compliance with the *Regulations Governing Privately Sponsored Travel*, I certify the following:

- ☒ The grantmaking organization is a § 501(c)(3) organization.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization is not a lobbyist, lobbying firm, or foreign agent, nor an entity that retains or employs a lobbyist or foreign agent.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization provides funds under an established grant program, or in a manner that is otherwise consistent with the mission and practices of the organization.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization is not involved, directly or indirectly, in organizing and conducting the trip. This includes selecting participants for a trip.
- ☒ The grantmaking organization does not directly pay or reimburse travel expenses for any Senate Member, officer, or employee.

Kimberly Cernak

(Printed name of grantmaking organization representative)

Managing Director

(Title)

March 13, 2023

(Signature of grantmaking organization representative)

(Date)

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp

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.

Name of Traveler:

Elizabeth O'Bagy

Employing Office/Committee:

Senator Chris Coons

Private Sponsor(s):

United Nations Foundation

Destination(s):

Antananarivo & Ambovombe, Madagascar

Travel Dates:

April 1 - 8, 2023

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

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

As the primary liaison to the State and Foreign Operations Appropriations Subcommittee, I help oversee humanitarian assistance and conduct oversight on U.S. and UN humanitarian responses and programming. I also oversee food aid and we are working on legislation to help improve U.S. food aid and build secure food systems in Africa. This trip will allow me to conduct critical oversight of the humanitarian programs being implemented as well as U.S. food assistance. I will also learn more about climate programs and local adaption and

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip? Name and Relationship to Traveler:

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(signify "yes" by checking box)

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

3/2/23

Date



Signature of Employee

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER

(President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms,
Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain)

Senator Chris Coons

Elizabeth O'Bagy

I _____ hereby authorize _____
(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.

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(signify "yes" by checking box)

3/2/23

Date



Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

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Elizabeth O'Bagy
The Office of Sen. Chris Coons
28 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Elizabeth,

On behalf of the United Nations Foundation, I'm happy to invite you to join a congressional learning trip that will examine how the UN is working to combat food insecurity and malnutrition in Madagascar. The trip will depart from Washington on Saturday, April 1 and return on Saturday, April 8.

While often overlooked, Madagascar is suffering through what's been referred to as potentially the world's first climate-change famine—a massive humanitarian crisis sparked, in part, by prolonged drought, cyclones, sandstorms, and other extreme weather that's decimated agricultural production and left an estimated 2 million people in the south of the country in acute food insecurity and 500,000 children under the age of 5 suffering from acute malnutrition. With livelihoods and food access severely jeopardized by the crisis, Madagascar has become one of the top five countries most affected by hunger and malnutrition, according to the Global Hunger Index 2022.

Over the course of five days, we will see how the UN System is collaboratively responding to these significant challenges. The delegation will spend time in Antananarivo, meeting with the UN Resident Coordinator, U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar, and the Government of Madagascar. We will also travel south to see the impacts of the situation up close, meeting with colleagues from UNICEF, WFP, FAO, IFAD, and more that are working on-the-ground to deliver lifesaving food aid, including supplementary products to prevent malnutrition, as well as deploying expert technical support designed to address the root causes of the crisis through climate-smart agricultural projects, local adaptation/resilience initiatives, and similar long-term efforts.

We would be honored if you would consider joining us for this unique learning opportunity. We kindly note that you must have received all necessary doses of an authorized COVID-19 vaccine plus a booster to participate in this trip. If you are interested in joining, please let us know as soon as possible and kindly no later than Monday, Feb. 27, as space is limited.

We hope you take this opportunity to learn more about the UN's work in Madagascar.

Sincerely yours,



Peter Yeo
Senior Vice President

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; Eleanor Crook
Foundation (grantmaking organization)
 2. Description of the trip: Please see attached.
 3. Dates of travel: April 1 - April 8, 2023
 4. Place of travel: Antananarivo and Ambovombe, Madagascar
 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:

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 nutrition and food security. This learning trip provides an opportunity for policymakers to better understand how the UN, with strong support from the U.S....please see attached.

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

UNF regularly organizes congressional learning trips to observe the UN's work abroad. In 2022, UNF organized congressional learning trips to Mozambique, Nigeria, and Senegal, among other destinations.

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, businesses, 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 ☐ Actual Amounts	\$4,486 total \$2,003 (roundtrip airfare from Washington to Antananarivo) \$1,933 (roundtrip airfare from Antananarivo to Ambovombe) \$550 (local hired vans and/or SUVs)	\$814 total \$588 (Antananarivo) \$226 (Ambovombe)	\$306 total \$198 (Antananarivo) \$108 (Ambovombe)	\$39.62 (Madagascar visa) \$300 (translation services)

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, Antananarivo Waterfront, Zone Tana Waterfront, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar

Berenty Lodge, Réserve de Berenty, Amboasary, Madagascar

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 2023 per diem rates for Antananarivo (\$196)

and Ambovombe (\$113). Daily expenses for M&IE will be less than the State Department's per diem rates for Antananarivo (\$66) and Ambovombe (\$54).

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 Antananarivo, Madagascar connecting in Addis, Ethiopia. Roundtrip chartered coach UN Humanitarian

Air Service (UNHAS) airfare from Antananarivo to Ambovombe. All other in-country travel will 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: 

Peter Yeo, Senior Vice President

Name and Title:

United Nations Foundation

Name of Organization:

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UN Foundation Learning Trip to Madagascar

Answers to PSTCF Questions 2, 5, 13, and 18

2. Description of the trip:

One of the poorest countries in the world, malnutrition is widespread across Madagascar, where over a third of households lack adequate food at any given time of the year. The situation is particularly perilous in the south of the country (the Grand Sud), where prolonged drought has destroyed lives and livelihoods and pushed tens of thousands to the brink of famine. Over the course of five days, the delegation will see firsthand how the UN System is working collaboratively to respond to these and related health challenges in Madagascar.

The delegation will spend time in Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar, meeting with the UN Resident Coordinator, U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar, and the Government of Madagascar. The delegation will also travel south to Ambovombe to see the impacts of the situation up close, meeting with colleagues from UNICEF, WFP, FAO, IFAD, and more that are working on-the-ground to deliver lifesaving food aid, including supplementary products to prevent malnutrition, as well as deploying expert technical support designed to address the root causes of the crisis through climate-smart agricultural projects, local adaptation/resilience initiatives, and similar long-term efforts.

5. Name and title of Senate invitees:

Katie Brown, Legislative Director
Sen. Susan Collins

Ben Merkel, Legislative Director
Sen. Patty Murray

Emily Carwell, Legislative Director
Sen. Debbie Stabenow

Samantha Schiffrin, National Security Advisor
Sen. Cory Booker

Craig Abele, Legislative Director
Sen. Lindsey Graham

Adam Farris, Legislative Director
Sen. Tim Scott

Heather Flynn, Senior Professional Staff Member
Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Charlotte Oldham-Moore, Senior Professional Staff Member
Senate Foreign Relations Committee

Robert Zarate, National Security Advisor
Sen. Bill Hagerty

Toni-Marie Higgins, Chief of Staff

Sen. John Boozman

Zachary Hosford, Legislative Assistant
Sen. Brian Schatz

Elizabeth O'Bagy, Senior Foreign Policy Advisor
Sen. Chris Coons

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 nutrition and food security. This learning trip provides an opportunity for policymakers to better understand how the UN, with strong support from the U.S, is working to prevent and treat severe acute malnutrition, alleviate food insecurity, and generally promote good health and well-being in Madagascar.

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. UNF received a grant from the Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF), a global nutrition philanthropy working to end malnutrition, 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:

While often overlooked, Madagascar is suffering through what's been referred to as potentially the world's first climate-change famine—a massive humanitarian crisis sparked, in part, by prolonged drought, cyclones, sandstorms, and other extreme weather that's decimated agricultural production and left an estimated 2 million people in the south of the country in acute food insecurity and 500,000 children under the age of 5 suffering from acute malnutrition. With livelihoods and food access severely jeopardized by the crisis, Madagascar has become one of the top five countries most affected by hunger and malnutrition, according to the Global Hunger Index 2022.