RE-2 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 144 Hart Building. **This form is a public disclosure. The form and all attachments will be made publicly available.**

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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):

Aspen Institute

Travel Dates:

October 3-9 2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Total Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
14,792	900	295	1535

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.

10/21/26 Troy Dougall

Date 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.

10/21/2026

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
Misc. Expenses	$2,606.00	The total list is conference room rental, interpreters, WiFi, doctor, park entrance fees, security, expediting, and interpreters. We had to ramp up security due to concerns and add interpreters.
Meals	$284.00	Price went down as we did not provide lunch in Fort Dauphin due to safety concerns.

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

● Yes ○ No

Explanation: On Tuesday October 6 site visits changed in Fort Dauphin to not go to Ifotaka. In place, the delegation went to a UNICEF sponsored hospital in Fort Dauphin from 1:00-2:00 PM. Following the hospital visit, the group went to a World Food Program storage warehouse in Fort Dauphin from 3:00-3:45 PM. The rest of the day proceeded to schedule.

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

○ Yes ● No

Explanation: There were no additional changes to the pre-approved trip.

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Troy Dougall
National Security Advisor, Senator John Curtis

Dear Troy,

I would like to invite you to our bipartisan, bicameral congressional senior staff conference on ***U.S.-Africa Relations: Health, Security, and Development*** in **Madagascar from October 3-9, 2026**, including travel dates**.** Please get back to us with your interest to attend the conference **by COB Tuesday, July 7, 2026**. These conference spots fill up quickly, so please RSVP as soon as possible. This invitation does not guarantee your participation in the conference.

Using Madagascar as a backdrop, this educational conference will explore a range of issues with significant policy implications for both the United States and sub-Saharan Africa. Through a combination of field visits to nutrition, health, education, conservation, and other program sites, as well as expert-led discussions, participants will examine the security, economic, and development challenges facing the continent. Site visits and conversations will explore how changes to U.S. policies and programs over the past 18 months have affected American engagement on issues of mutual interest and concern. Discussions will address key topics across the continent, including public health; malnutrition, particularly among children and mothers; HIV and malaria; U.S. national security and the growing influence of China and Russia; and biodiversity and conservation. Participants will also have the opportunity to engage with Malagasy communities and reflect on the evolving future of U.S.-Africa relations.

Conference attendance is by invitation only. No outside observers, no lobbyists, and no media are allowed to participate. All conference sessions and site visits are off-the-record. No foreign governments are accepted to fund the Aspen Institute Congressional Program. As required by the Senate and House 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 1949. The Congressional Program was created to promote leadership on public policy by bringing legislators and their staff together from both political parties with internationally renowned scholars for high level discussions and analysis. Since our program's inception, more than 639 members of Congress have participated in our 167 domestic and international conferences.

We hope you can join us for this important conference.

Sincerely,

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Charlie Dent

Charles W. Dent
Former Member, U.S. Congress (PA-15th, 2005-2018)
Vice President and Executive Director
Aspen Institute Congressional Program
2300 N Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20037
Mobile: (484) 553-1837

RE-1 Employee Pre-Travel Authorization

Date/Time Stamp
9/3/26

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:
Troy Dougall

Employing Office/Committee:
CURTIS, JOHN

Private Sponsor(s):
The Aspen Institute, Inc.

Destination(s):
Antananarivo, Madagascar Fort Dauphin, Madagascar

Travel Dates:
10/03/2026 to 10/09/2026
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.

I am the National Security Advisor for Senator Curtis, where I oversee all issues related to national security (defense, foreign relations, intelligence, and trade). As part of this, I manage the Senator's position on Senate Foreign Relations Committee. Given the changes over the last year and a half to how foreign assistance operates, it is part of Congressional oversight to hear on the ground in Africa how this has made an impact. This will actually be my first visit to Africa in any capacity, so I do have a knowledge deficit on this topic and on this issue, and I believe this visit will help with education on the topic.

Do you have an accompanying family member or spouse on this trip?
No

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
N/A

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

9/2/26
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)

I SEN. JOHN CURTIS
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize TROY DOUGALL
(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)

09/03/26
Date

Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

The Aspen Institute, Inc.: U.S.-Africa Relations: Health, Security, and Development

Troy Dougall

Title:
None

Employing Office/Committee:
CURTIS, JOHN

Duty Station:
WASHINGTON,DC

Destination(s):

Antananarivo, Madagascar
Fort Dauphin, Madagascar

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Name of accompanying family member (if any):
Not Entered

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
The Aspen Institute, Inc.

§501(c)(3) Organization Type
Public Charity

Address 2 (Optional)

Phone Number
425 516 8003

Is your organization classified as a §501(c)(3)?
(●) Yes ( ) No

Address
2300 N Street, NW

City, State Zip
Washington, District Of Columbia 20037 United States

Organization URL

History of Congressional Travel

Aspen Institute Congressional Program (AICP) has conducted international and domestic conferences for members of Congress and staff for over 41 years. On occasion, other policy programs of The Aspen Institute, Inc., sponsor conferences that involve members of Congress.

Educational Activities

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 education events for members of Congress or 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: *I certify that the sponsor is not a federally registered lobbyist and does not retain or employ a federally registered lobbyists.*

Foreign Agent Registration Status: *I certify that the sponsor is not an agent of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ an agent of a foreign principal.*

Foreign Government Involvement

Foreign Agent Registration Status:

- ✓ I certify that the sponsor is not a foreign government.
- ✓ I certify that the sponsor is not an entity that is owned or operated by a foreign government.
- ✓ I certify that the sponsor does not receive funding from a foreign government.

Comments

Signature Page

The signature page is below.

Purpose and Details

Provide a brief description of the trip.

The conference will take an in-depth look at the United States and its foreign policy related to Africa. The conference will discuss fundamental changes to U.S. foreign assistance policy and with the U.S. transitioning its Africa aid policy to a traditional assistance model to one emphasizing trade, investment, and self-reliance with an emphasis on the private sector. With these fundamental changes how will that impact the U.S.-Africa relations and will it allow China, Russia, and others to gain more leverage on the continent?

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 conference will examine U.S. foreign policy strategy as it relates to Africa and will look at health, security, development, conflict, and humanitarian dynamics. The conference will also include African perspectives on U.S. policy in the region.

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

- [x] Yes
- [ ] No

Grantmaking Organizations (Optional)

1. Eleanor Crook Foundation

With or Without Regard for Congressional Participation

The trip is arranged or organized specifically with regard to congressional participation.

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

- [x] 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

- [x] The trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- [x] 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

- [x] 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.

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Certification of No Recreational Activity and No Alcohol

- 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.

Invitees

Members and staff from the House of Representatives **will** receive invitations.

The list of invitees is below.

Travel Details

Trip Start Date/Time:
10/03/2026 @ 10:55 AM

Trip End Date/Time:
10/09/2026 @ 08:55 AM

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

○ Yes ● No

Itinerary

The itinerary is below.

Transportation (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $14,792.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Business	$9,892.00
Airfare	Charter	$4,000.00

Note
Lack of reliable commercial to the cities we are going to. Schedule is extremely limited and the commercial flights are known for being unpredictable. Having charter allows Aspen to get a full day of programming in.

Ground Transportation	N/A	$900.00

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $900.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
10/04/2026	10/06/2026	Novotel Hotel	Antananarivo		Madagascar	2	$280.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
This is necessary as the hotel needs to be up to western standards. Since it is a small country, there are few hotels that meet up to the health/food standards necessary to conduct a trip. This hotel meets those qualifications.

10/06/2026	10/08/2026	Ankoba Beach Hotel	Fort Dauphin		Madagascar	2	$170.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
This is necessary as the hotel needs to be up to western standards. Since it is a small country, there are few hotels that meet up to the health/food standards necessary to conduct a trip. This hotel meets those qualifications.

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $295.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
10/04/2026	$15.00	$20.00	$30.00	$0.00	**$65.00**	Antananarivo		Madagascar	No
10/05/2026	$15.00	$20.00	$30.00	$0.00	**$65.00**	Antananarivo		Madagascar	No
10/06/2026	$15.00	$20.00	$30.00	$0.00	**$65.00**	Fort Dauphin		Madagascar	No

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
10/07/2026	$15.00	$20.00	$30.00	$0.00	**$65.00**	Fort Dauphin		Madagascar	No
10/08/2026	$15.00	$20.00	$0.00	$0.00	**$35.00**	Fort Dauphin		Madagascar	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1,535.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (WiFi)	$175.00	
Other (Doctor)	$140.00	
Other (Park Entrance Fee)	$150.00	
Other (Security)	$950.00	
Other (Expediter)	$120.00	

Additional Attachments

Document Name

There are no additional attachments.

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. Africa Relations: Health, Security, and Development

Travel Date(s): October 3rd 2026 - October 9th 2026

Travel Destination(s): Antananarivo, Madagascar and Fort Dauphin, Madagascar

Sponsor: Aspen Institute

Charlie Dent — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

VP, Aspen Congressional — *(title)*

Charlie Dent — *(signature of sponsor representative)*

08/25/2026 — *(date)*

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.

Grantmaking Organization: Eleanor Crook Foundation

Private Sponsor: Aspen Institute

Trip Name: U.S.-Africa Relations: Health, Security, and Development

Travel Date(s): OCt 3-9, inclusive of travel

Destination(s): Madagascar

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.

MARIANA BECERRA	Director of North American Advocacy
(Printed name of grantmaking organization representative)	*(Title)*
(Signature of grantmaking organization representative)	*(Date)*

1. Amber Bland, Legislative Director, Sen. John Barrasso, Committee on Foreign Relations
2. Elizabeth Boyle, Legislative Correspondent, Sen. Chris Coons, Committee on Appropriations
3. Troy Dougall, National Security Advisor, Sen. John Curtis, Committee on Foreign Relations
4. Brandon Gindt, National Security Advisor, Sen. Ted Cruz, Committee on Foreign Relations
5. Alexander Harvey, Legislative Aide, Sen. James Lankford, Committee on Finance
6. Grace Higgins, Military Legislative Assistant, Sen. James Lankford, Committee on Finance
7. Arden Hooper, Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant, Sen. Ted Cruz, Committee on Foreign Relations
8. Lucy Hulet, Legislative Assistant, Sen. Jerry Moran, Committee on Appropriations
9. Erin Jarnagin, National Security Advisor, Sen. John Kennedy, Committee on Appropriations
10. Eliza Lundy, Senior Policy Advisor, Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith, Committee on Appropriations
11. Vidya Neelakantan, National Security Advisor, Sen. Chris Coons, Committee on Appropriations
12. Andrew Pantino, National Security Advisor, Sen. Pete Ricketts, Committee on Foreign Relations
13. Bradley Plunkett, Senior Defense and Veteran Affairs Advisor, Sen. John Boozman, Committee on Appropriations

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U.S.-Africa Relations: Health, Security, and Development

October 3-9, 2026 | Antananarivo and Fort Dauphin, Madagascar

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3:

Participants depart the U.S.

Elizabeth Boyle	Departs Washington, DC at 10:55 AM on 10/3	Arrives in Antananarivo, Madagascar at 1:45 PM on 10/4
Troy Dougall	Departs Washington, DC at 10:55 AM on 10/3	Arrives in Antananarivo, Madagascar at 1:45 PM on 10/4
Brandon Gindt	Departs Washington, DC at 10:55 AM on 10/3	Arrives in Antananarivo, Madagascar at 1:45 PM on 10/4
Alexander Harvey	Departs Washington, DC at 10:55 AM on 10/3	Arrives in Antananarivo, Madagascar at 1:45 PM on 10/4

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4:

1:45 PM: Participants arrive in Antananarivo, Madagascar

1:45-3:00 PM: Participants travel to Novotel Hotel

3:00 PM: Participants check into hotel

3:30-5:30 PM: Educational Site Visit:

Royal Hill of Ambohimanga

The Royal Hill of Ambohimanga is a sacred royal location and a UNESCO World Heritage Site located northeast of Madagascar's capital city of Antananarivo. It served as a fortified political and spiritual capital for the Merina kingdom and remains a powerful symbol of Madagascar's national identity. This will help participants learn more about Madagscar as we dive deeper into the trip.

7-9 PM: Scene Setter and Working Dinner with Madagascar's Office National de Nutrition (ONN)
Participants will be welcomed to Madagascar by the US Embassy Chargé, Tom Bevan. A discussion will follow with senior leadership of the ONN. The ONN is a government agency attached to the Prime Minister's office. It coordinates multi-sectoral programs to fight malnutrition, implement national nutrition policies, track childhood stunting, and distribute emergency food assistance during crises.

Overnight at the Novotel Hotel in Antanannarivo

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5:

8-8:45 AM: Breakfast

9:30-11:30 AM: Educational Site Visit Focused on Health:

Integrated Primary Care Services Including TB, HIV, PMTCT, and Syphilis
For more than twenty years, the United States has been a major international force in combatting HIV and preventing the transfer of the virus between mother and child during pregnancy (PMTCT). Largely through the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and contributions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, American assistance has saved over 26 million lives and prevented more than 8 million babies from being born with HIV. Participants will visit an integrated primary health care facility in Antananarivo where a one-stop service model provides antenatal care, early HIV diagnosis and immediate antiretroviral therapy initiation, community referrals and TB/HIV collaborative activities. The delegation will have the opportunity to engage with the health center management, midwives, community health workers and patients to learn about their experience with integrated care.

12-1:00 PM: Working Lunch Briefing with Power 4 Interventions to Reduce Child Malnutrition
Participants will learn about the results of a Johns Hopkins University analysis that identified the four most impactful and cost-effective ways to reduce childhood mortality due to malnutrition: 1) Prenatal vitamins for pregnant women; 2) Breastfeeding support for mothers; 3) Vitamin A supplementation; and 4) Ready-to-use therapeutic and preventive nutritional food (RUTF) for treatment of wasting. The discussion will be led by an expert on the Power 4 protocol.

1:30 -3:30 PM: Educational Site Visit Focused on Nutrition:

Tanjaka Food Production Facility
According to UNICEF, nearly one-third of all children under the age of five in sub-Saharan Africa suffer from chronic malnutrition and where half of all preventable deaths across the continent are linked to undernourishment. In Madagascar, the number is even higher where nearly 40 percent of children under five are malnourished. The family owned Madagascar company, Tanjaka Food, established in 2009, produces ready-to-use therapeutic and preventative nutritional foods (RUTF), such as Plumpy

Nut, to combat child malnutrition. Their goal is to make nutritional solutions accessible to NGOs which serve the most disadvantaged households in Madagascar and neighboring countries. Participants will tour the production facility and learn about the impact of RUTF, a nutrient-dense, high-calorie peanut paste, on treating children suffering from severe malnutrition.

6:30-8:30 PM: Working Dinner with Development Implementing Organizations

During dinner, participants will have the opportunity for one-on-one conversations with representatives of several development and health NGOs, including FHI 360, Population Services International, PATH, Catholic Relief Services, and the World Wildlife Fund. Delegation members will learn about the work of these organizations in Madagascar, impact their programs have achieved and challenges they face going forward.

Overnight at the Novotel Hotel in Antananarivo

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6:

6-6:45 AM: Breakfast

7-9 AM: Flight to Fort Dauphin, Madagascar

11 AM-1:30 PM: Educational Site Visit Focused on Malnutrition:

Severe Acute Malnutrition (SAM) Clinic

Sever Acute Malnutrition (SAM) clinics are specialized outpatient and inpatient treatment facilities dedicated to managing Severe Acute Malnutrition. These services operate within local basic health centers, mobile clinics, and intensive nutritional recovery centers to treat life-threatening child malnourishment driven by drought and food insecurity. Participants will visit a SAM clinic in Fort Dauphin where they will learn about the severity of malnutrition in the southern region of Madagascar, what services are available at the clinic and engage with mothers and their children who are receiving treatment at the facility.

1:30-2:30 PM: Working Lunch:

Discussion with local representatives of UNICEF and Operation End Starvation

UNICEF operates comprehensive programs in Madagascar focused on health, nutrition, education, child protection, social policy, and water, sanitation, and hygiene. These initiatives target vulnerable children, pregnant women, and communities affected by severe poverty and recurring natural disasters like cyclones. Operation End Starvation (OES) is a recently created public-private partnership, with funding from the Department of State, with a target to eliminate child deaths from acute malnutrition by scaling up low-cost interventions like RUTF. OES aims to deliver 3.2 billion packages of

RUTF and 14 billion tablets of multiple micronutrient supplementation (MMS) by 2032, something they believe will save the lives of 1.8 million children around the world.

2:30-5:30 PM: Educational Site Visit Focused on Health and Nutrition:

UNICEF Mobile Clinic Treating Malnourished Children

UNICEF mobile health and nutrition clinics in Madagascar deliver life-saving medical care, malnutrition screening, and vaccinations to isolated and disaster-affected remote communities. These roving teams bridge critical gaps where residents often face walks of several hours to reach a permanent health center. In addition, these mobile clinics offer prenatal consultations for pregnant women and treatment for common childhood illnesses like malaria. The delegation will engage with health workers and members of the community to learn about bringing critical health care to hard-to-reach locations.

6:30-8:30 PM: Working Dinner:

Mining Sector in Madagascar and Competition with China

Africa is home to roughly 30% of the world's reserves of critical minerals essential for the global energy transition and technological advancements. Minerals, such as graphite, cobalt, lithium and rare earth elements, are crucial for production of electric vehicles, renewable energy infrastructure, and digital devices. With this degree of mineral wealth, Africa is positioned to leverage these resources that will drive economic development, create jobs, and foster sustainable growth. At the same time, it also raises concerns over how mineral extraction is managed through sustainable and transparent practices that guard against the potential for exploitation. Madagascar has rich mineral reserves, including nickel, cobalt, ilmenite, graphite, and precious gems. But as in other African countries, the sector struggles with environmental and social challenges.

Another aspect of Africa's mineral wealth is the competition between the United States and China for access to these critical resources. China maintains the dominant position following many years of investment and mining across the continent. The U.S. and Europe, however, are ramping up their own partnerships and activities to counter Chinese influence. In August 2026, the US Development Finance Corporation committed its first ever mining investment in Madagascar with up to $4.84 million toward the UK-based Harena Rare Earths mine for pilot plants and testing to loosen Chinese supply chain dominance.

Participants will hear from representatives of Madagascar's mining sector and learn about investment opportunities for American and European mining firms and the role that plays in competing with China.

Overnight at the Ankoba Beach Hotel in Fort Dauphin

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7:

6:30-7:00 AM: Breakfast

7:00-9 AM: Travel to Ambovombe

9:00-9:20 AM – Courtesy Call on Local Health Officials and Regional Partners Platform

Participants will have the opportunity to chat with Local Health Officials to establish a relationship and ask any preliminary questions ahead of the visit.

9-20-10:40 AM: Site Visit Focused on Education and Food Security:

Ambovombe Primary School

The delegation will visit an urban school in Ambovombe town with a student population of 2,000. For the past five years, Global Communities, in partnership with Catholic Relief Services and FHI 360, have managed a U.S. Department of Agriculture McGovern-Dole program in 162 schools with nearly 57,000 students throughout the southern region of Madagascar. The program aims to improve food security, reduce impacts on malnutrition, and improve literacy and primary education, thereby contributing to more self-reliant, productive societies. Since funding began five years ago, this Food for Education model has helped double student and teacher attendance at supported schools. Since beginning as a pilot activity in 2000, the McGovern-Dole program has operated in 25 African countries, reaching more than 20 million beneficiaries.

Participants will observe classroom activities and school feeding operations, meet with administrators and teachers to learn what McGovern-Dole has meant for educational achievements at the school and talk with parents and students to hear how the program has impacted families in the community.

11:10-11:30 AM: Courtesy Call on the Regional Directorate of Public Health for an Introduction to Malaria Prevention in Anosy Region Treating and Preventing Malaria at the Rural Community Level

Participants will have the opportunity to chat with the next site to establish a relationship and ask any preliminary questions ahead of the visit.

12:50-2:00 PM: Educational Site Visit Focused on Health:

Treating and Preventing Malaria at the Rural Community Level

The delegation will travel to a site managed by the American-based health non-profit, PATH, and learn about the REACH Malaria program. Over the past quarter of a

century, the world has made tremendous progress in controlling malaria. The most significant gains have been in Africa where 142 million cases of malaria and nearly 1 million deaths were averted since 2000. But malaria remains a major health challenge on the continent where it's estimated that one person dies from the disease every minute. Participants will learn about various interventions used in the REACH Malaria program and engage community members who benefit from these services and hear how it impacts their livelihoods.

2-3 PM: Educational Site Visit Focused on Food Insecurity and Humanitarian Relief:

World Food Program Food Logistics Center and Warehouse Hub

Participants will visit a logistics center managed by the UN's World Food Program (WFP) where they will learn about food shortages facing Madagascar. Food insecurity in the country is driven by multiple factors, including limited crop diversification, dependence on rain-fed agriculture, low incomes and rising food prices. Climate shocks are increasing in severity and frequency, causing damage to agriculture, infrastructure, biodiversity and coastal resources, and leading to the loss of lives and livelihoods. Southern Madagascar is regularly affected by drought while the southeastern regions are prone to recurrent cyclones and flooding. Nearly 20 percent of the population is currently facing severe food insecurity.

WFP strikes a balance between emergency response and longer-term investments in resilience-building, emergency preparedness and social protection. The organization attempts to reduce long-term dependence on humanitarian assistance, instead emphasizing national capacity-building, in close coordination with national and local partners.

5:30-7:30 PM: Educational Site Visit Focused on Conservation:

Nahampoana Reserve

Madagascar has one of the highest concentrations of unique biodiversity on earth, with roughly 90% of its wildlife and plants existing nowhere else. Ecosystems safeguard rare species like lemurs, stabilize local human livelihoods dependent on natural resources, and fight global climate change. Losing these habitats means permanent extinction for thousands of endemic species. Over 70% of Madagascar's population lives in poverty and relies directly on farming, fishing, and forest yields for daily survival. Healthy ecosystems protect food and water security. The island's remaining tropical forests and coastal mangroves hold large amounts of carbon and buffer communities against extreme weather events like cyclones and severe droughts.

Participants will visit Nahampoana Reserve, located just outside of Fort Dauphin where conservationist guides will discuss the importance of protecting ecosystems and challenges the country faces in its conservation efforts.

8-9 PM: Working Dinner

During dinner, participants will be seated in a strategic order that promotes the opportunity for group conversations. This time will serve as a reflection of the week and how to proceed forward with these new observations.

Overnight at the Ankoba Beach Hotel in Fort Dauphin

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8:

7-8 AM: Breakfast

8:30-10 AM: Educational Site Visit Focused on Global Health Security

Health Center in Fort Dauphin

Weak public health systems regarding surveillance, diagnosis, and response to health threats and emergencies are a chronic challenge in many African countries, including Madagascar. They pose dangers to not only the country itself but have implications for regional and global health security. Through the Strengthening Infectious Disease Detection Systems (STRIDES) activity, FHI 360, with U.S. government funding, collaborates with the Ministry of Health, to build a more resilient, effective, and self-reliant health system.

Participants will visit a local health center in Fort Dauphin where they will learn about the major interventions of the program: 1) improving laboratory and diagnostic capacities, biosafety, and specimen transport; 2) modernizing and digitizing surveillance systems and strengthening early detection; 3) strengthening alert mechanisms and rapid response capacities; 4) promoting management based, reliable, real-time data; and 5) improving detection and response to events affecting mothers and children, the most vulnerable populations.

11 AM-1:30 PM: Flight to Antananarivo

2:50 PM: Delegation departs for U.S.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9:

Participants arrive back in the U.S. throughout the morning

Elizabeth Boyle	Departs Antananarivo, Madagascar 2:50 PM on the 8th	Arrives in Washington, DC at 8:55 AM on the 9th
Troy Dougall	Departs Antananarivo, Madagascar 2:50 PM on the 8th	Arrives in Washington, DC at 8:55 AM on the 9th

Brandon Gindt	Departs Antananarivo, Madagascar 2:50 PM on the 8th	Arrives in Washington, DC at 8:55 AM on the 9th
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