RE-2 Employee Post Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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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.**

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):
ICCF US

Travel Dates:
10/05/2026 to 10/13/2026

Name of accompanying family member (if any):

Relationship to Traveler:

Expenses

Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meals Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
$11,700.00	$1,178.00	$557.00	$200.00

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.

10/19/26
Date

JOSE AVILA
Printed Name of Traveler

J. Avila
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.

10/19/26
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
There were no changes to pre-approved travel expenses.		

Were there any changes to the pre-approved itinerary?

○ Yes ● No

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

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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Advancing U.S. leadership in international conservation through public and private partnerships and developing the next generation of Congressional conservation leaders.

August 31, 2026

Mr. Chris Avila
Office of Senator Chris Coons (D-DE)
By Electronic Delivery

Dear Chris,

We are pleased to invite you to join a Congressional Staff Delegation to visit Zambia from October 5-13, 2026, inclusive of travel days.

The primary purpose of this mission is to familiarize and educate the delegation about the critical role that public-private partnerships play in conservation and sound natural resource management for poverty alleviation, food security, sustainable development, and security in Zambia and the surrounding region, as well as their impact on the U.S.

While in Zambia, participants will see the creative ways Kafue National Park has helped lead the wildlife restoration process in Zambia through a four-pillar approach: tourism, conservation, science, and community. The delegation will also learn about the important community development initiatives that are essential aspects of good natural resource management policy. Some communities in Zambia have a high childhood malnutrition rate, particularly in the 5 and under age group. The delegation will see Lusaka University Teaching Hospital's work to help meet the acute needs of children who are experiencing wasting, while at the same time working to improve education and access to more nutritious food. Also in Lusaka, participants will see a public health initiative to support maternal health.

We have shared a more detailed agenda, as well as required private sponsor travel forms. Trip expenses, including transportation, lodging, meals, and associated fees will be covered by ICCF.

ICCF is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, which acts as an informal secretariat to the leadership of the bipartisan International Conservation Caucus and Oceans Caucus, with the mission to advance U.S. leadership in international conservation and develop the next generation of congressional conservation leaders.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about this remarkable part of the world and the efforts that are underway to ensure its conservation for the benefit of local communities and the world at large for this and future generations. We look forward to having you join us.

Sincerely,

Susan F. Lylis

Susan Lylis
Executive Vice President, ICCF

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:
Chris Avila

Employing Office/Committee:
COONS, CHRIS

Private Sponsor(s):
ICCF US

Destination(s):
Johannesburg, South Africa Lusaka, Zambia Kafue, Zambia

Travel Dates:
10/05/2026 to 10/13/2026

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 cover international environment and natural resource issues for Senator Coons, so this will be an opportunity to see those issues in country.

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

J. Avila
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 Christopher A. Coons
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name)

hereby authorize Chris Avila
(Print Traveler's Name)

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

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate.

☐ (signify "yes" by checking box)

9/2/26
Date

Chris Coons
Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer

ICCF US: ICCF Zambia Field Mission 2026

JOSE AVILA

Title:
None

Employing Office/Committee:
COONS, CHRIS

Duty Station:
WILMINGTON,DE

Destination(s):

Johannesburg, South Africa
Lusaka, Zambia
Kafue, Zambia

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

I cover international environment and natural resource issues for Senator Coons, so this will be an opportunity to see those issues in country.

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

Name and Relationship to Traveler:
None

Organization Information

Organization Name
ICCF US

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

Address 2 (Optional)
None

Phone Number
(781) 686-3442

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

Address
1200 Potomac St NW

City, State Zip
Washington, District of Columbia 20007 United States

Organization URL
https://www.internationalconservation.org/

History of Congressional Travel

The International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF) educates U.S. policymakers and other global political and business leaders on the vital links between good natural resource management, sustainable economic development, conflict avoidance, and regional security. In order to illustrate the value of these policies and the benefits of their deployment, ICCF has been hosting educational field missions all over the world since 2006. We bring members of Congress and their staff to see firsthand how good natural resource governance promotes security, stability, and a flourishing environment.

Educational Activities

In addition to hosting educational field missions, ICCF also hosts and organizes Capitol Hill briefings on a wide range of conservation issues for congressional staff and partner organizations. We work to keep members, their staff, and those corporate/NGO stakeholders informed via our quarterly newsletter, quarterly magazine, and through individual meetings.

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.

ICCF invites congressional staff to participate in an educational field mission to Zambia focused on the role of conservation in advancing U.S. foreign policy, economic, and national security interests in Africa. The mission will also examine the intersection of conservation with critical minerals and infrastructure competition along the Lobito Corridor, and will focus on the persistent challenge of childhood malnutrition in Zambia. Zambia sits at the center of one of the world's most strategically significant mineral belts. It is one of Africa's leading copper producers, and northern Zambia's Copperbelt is the southern terminus of both the U.S.- and EU-backed Lobito Corridor railway and the older, China-linked TAZARA line, two competing routes for moving copper and cobalt to global markets. How Zambia manages its natural resources, from mining governance to protected-area management, will shape both regional stability and the durability of U.S. economic engagement in the region.

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

ICCF exists to build the political will for good natural resource governance abroad. The following objectives are all central to that mission: - Examine links between conservation, mining governance, and national and economic security along the Copperbelt and the Lobito Corridor - Assess U.S. and partner approaches to addressing malnutrition and health-systems vulnerability in Zambia - Explore the public-private partnership model between the Government of Zambia and African Parks at Kafue National Park as a template for durable conservation financing - Strengthen relationships with the Zambian Parliamentary Conservation Caucus and identify opportunities for continued U.S.-Zambia cooperation

Is your organization the only sponsor for this trip?

● 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

● 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

● 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

● 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.

○ 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

- 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:
10/05/2026 @ 04:12 PM

Trip End Date/Time:
10/13/2026 @ 04:12 PM

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: $11,700.00 | Accompanying Family Member: $0.00)

Transportation Type	Class	Amount
Airfare	Business	$10,500.00
Note Round way flights from DCA to Lusaka, Zambia		
Airfare	Charter	$700.00
Note There are no scheduled flights from Lusaka to the Kafue airstrip, so a charter is the only practicable way to reach this location.		
Ground Transportation	N/A	$100.00
Note Drivers and tips for drivers in Lusaka		
Ground Transportation	N/A	$400.00
Note Total cost per person for drivers in/around Kafue National Park over 4 days		

Lodging (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $1,178.00)

Check-In	Check-Out	Facility	City	State	Country	Nights	Cost/Night	Cost Exceed Per Diem
10/06/2026	10/07/2026	City Lodge OR Tambo	Johannesburg		South Africa	1	$233.00	No
10/07/2026	10/08/2026	Holiday Inn by IHG	Lusaka		Zambia	1	$165.00	No
10/08/2026	10/12/2026	Ila Lodge	Kafue		Zambia	4	$195.00	Yes

Cost Exceeds Per Diem Reason
These are the best negotiable rates that could be found anywhere near where the educational activities will take place in the park

Meals (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $557.00)

Date	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Incidentals	Total	City	State	Country	Cost Exceeds Per Diem
10/06/2026	$0.00	$0.00	$50.00	$0.00	**$50.00**	Johannesburg		South Africa	No
10/07/2026	$22.00	$35.00	$50.00	$0.00	**$107.00**	Lusaka		Zambia	No
10/08/2026	$18.00	$22.00	$40.00	$0.00	**$80.00**	Kafue		Zambia	No
10/09/2026	$18.00	$22.00	$40.00	$0.00	**$80.00**	Kafue		Zambia	No
10/10/2026	$18.00	$22.00	$40.00	$0.00	**$80.00**	Kafue		Zambia	No
10/11/2026	$18.00	$22.00	$40.00	$0.00	**$80.00**	Kafue		Zambia	No
10/12/2026	$18.00	$22.00	$40.00	$0.00	**$80.00**	Kafue/Lusaka		Zambia	No

Reasonable Miscellaneous Expenses (Per Member/Officer/Employee: $200.00)

Expense Type	Amount	Notes
Other (Misc)	$200.00	Park fees (translation, non-recreational fees), gratuities

Additional Attachments All additional attachments are below.

Document Name
Itinerary

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: ICCF Zambia Field Mission 2026

Travel Date(s): October 5-13

Travel Destination(s): Lusaka, Zambia; Kafue National Park, Zambia

Sponsor: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

William Lawrence — *(printed name of sponsor representative)*

Chief Financial Officer — *(title)*

(signature of sponsor representative)

8/27/2026 — *(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: ICCF

Trip Name: ICCF Zambia Field Mission

Travel Date(s): Oct 5-13, 2026

Destination(s): Zambia

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
(Printed name of grantmaking organization representative)

Director of North American Advoc
(Title)

(Signature of grantmaking organization representative)

Aug 31,2026
(Date)

4.

Confirmed:

- Brooke Bennett, Rep. French Hill's Chief of Staff
  - Brooke's boss is a member of the International Conservation Caucus and the Congressional Sportsman's Caucus, and has demonstrated an interest in conservation and foreign policy issues serving on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
- Chris Avila, Sen. Chris Coons' Policy Advisor
  - Sen. Coons is a co-chair of the International Conservation Caucus. He also serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, where he is the Ranking Democrat on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Chris Avila covers the natural resource portfolio for the Senator.
- Dylan Russell, Sen. John Boozman's Legislative Assistant
  - Sen. Boozman is a co-chair of the International Conservation Caucus and Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus. He also serves as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, where he has made conservation a priority. He is also on the Senate Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations.
- Jodi Herman, Sen. Jeanne Shaheen's Senate Foreign Relations Committee Senior PSM
  - Sen. Shaheen is the Ranking Member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, with jurisdiction
- Josephine Amusa, Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries' Policy Advisor
  - Leader Jeffries is the top-ranking Democrat in the House and has a track record of engagement on U.S.-Africa policy. His office's buy-in matters for any bipartisan conservation or foreign assistance priorities to move on the House floor.
- Laura Fullerton, Deputy Staff Director, HFAC Majority
  - As Deputy Staff Director, Laura oversees committee operations across the full range of HFAC's jurisdiction, including the Africa Subcommittee's work on U.S. policy toward Zambia and the broader region. She previously served as Deputy Staff Director for the House Homeland Security Committee and as an advisor to the DHS Chief of Staff, bringing a national security and interagency operations background relevant to the delegation's coverage of the conservation-security nexus.
- Quill Robinson, Senior Professional Staff, HFAC Majority
  - Quill's portfolio centers on energy security, geopolitics, and conservation, and he worked on the committee's bipartisan DOMINANCE Act, which mobilizes U.S. tools to counter China's control over critical mineral supply chains, directly on point with the delegation's focus on the Lobito Corridor and critical minerals competition in Zambia.
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Invited but declined:

Luke Harris, Sen. Bill Hagerty, LA

- Sen. Hagerty serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, and brings firsthand diplomatic experience as former U.S. Ambassador to Japan.

Paul Grove, SFOPS Majority, Clerk

- Serves the House Appropriations Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs (Chairman Mario Diaz-Balart), which funds the U.S. foreign assistance programs the delegation will see on the ground.

Sean Ross, Sen. Katie Britt, Chief of Staff

- Sen. Britt serves on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, which funds the foreign assistance programs central to the delegation's agenda.

Alex Carnes, SFOPS Minority, Staff Director

- Serves under Ranking Member Lois Frankel on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, which funds U.S. foreign assistance and development programs in Zambia.

Andrew Pantino, Sen. Pete Ricketts, NSA

- Sen. Ricketts serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, which oversees the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, directly relevant to Kafue National Park's co-management partnership.

Katie Chaudoin, SFRC Majority, Dep. Chief Counsel

- Serves under SFRC Chairman Jim Risch, whose committee holds jurisdiction over U.S. foreign assistance and diplomatic engagement in Africa through its dedicated Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health.

Jon Abdnor, Sen. John Thune, Deputy NSA

- As Senate Majority Leader, Thune controls the Senate floor schedule and works directly with committee chairs to prioritize national security and foreign policy legislation relevant to strategic competition with China in Africa.

Rosie Heiss, Sen. John Boozman, Deputy Chief of Staff

- Sen. Boozman is a bipartisan co-chair of the International Conservation Caucus and the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, and chairs the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee; he also serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations.

Scott Graber, Sen. Lindsey Graham, Deputy Chief of Staff

- Late Sen. Lindsey Graham was an extremely active member of the International Conservation Caucus. Sen. Darline Graham serves on the Appropriations and Environment and Public Works Committees

Amber Bland, Sen. John Barrasso, Legislative Director
- Sen. Barrasso is Senate Majority Whip and serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, including its Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, as well as the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, where he chairs the Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining.

William Hewitt, Sen. Ashley Moody, NSA
- Sen. Moody serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, which authorizes defense programs and has direct interest in critical minerals supply chains and countering Chinese influence in strategic regions like Zambia.

Robyn Engibous, Sen. Dan Sullivan, Deputy COS
- Sen. Sullivan serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, chairing its Subcommittee on Readiness, and brings direct foreign policy experience, having served as a staff officer to U.S. Central Command with responsibility spanning the Horn of Africa.

Liz Lewis, SFRC Majority, Senior Policy Analyst
- Serves under SFRC Chairman Jim Risch, whose committee holds jurisdiction over U.S. foreign assistance and diplomatic engagement in Africa through its dedicated Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health.

AJ Sugarman, Deputy Policy Director, Speaker Mike Johnson
- Speaker Johnson controls the House floor calendar and sets the chamber's overall legislative priorities, including national security and foreign affairs legislation touching on strategic competition with China in Africa and critical minerals supply chains, both central to the Zambia delegation's focus on the Lobito Corridor.

Meghan Gallagher Lake, Policy Advisor, Majority Leader Steve Scalise
- As Majority Leader, Scalise schedules legislation on the House floor and guides committee chairs on which bills to prioritize, including measures on critical minerals competition with China and international conservation and development funding. Meghan covers foreign assistance for the Majority leader, who is also a member of the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus

Max West, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Dave Joyce
- Rep. Joyce is a bipartisan co-chair of the International Conservation Caucus and a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, where he serves on the Defense Subcommittee.

Sajit Gandhi, Staff Director, House Foreign Affairs Committee (Minority)

- Ranking Member Gregory Meeks has been an active voice on U.S. engagement with African heads of state, and the Committee's Africa Subcommittee holds direct jurisdiction over U.S. policy toward Zambia and the broader region.

Colby Hebert, Legislative Assistant, Speaker Mike Johnson

- The Speaker's office sets the House's legislative agenda and floor schedule for national security and foreign affairs priorities relevant to the delegation's themes. Colby covers the environment portfolio for the Speaker.

Jack Reineke, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Andy Barr

- Rep. Barr serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Indo-Pacific Subcommittee and the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, directly relevant to countering Chinese influence over critical minerals markets like Zambia's.

Cameron Foster, Chief of Staff, Rep. Kevin Hern

- Rep. Hern serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, which holds jurisdiction over tariffs and trade policy relevant to critical minerals supply chains, and until March 2026 chaired the House Republican Policy Committee, shaping House GOP legislative priorities.

Quill Robinson, HFAC Majority Professional Staff

- HFAC Chairman Brian Mast's committee holds jurisdiction over U.S. foreign assistance and diplomacy across Africa through its dedicated Africa Subcommittee, directly relevant to U.S. policy toward Zambia.

Will Stiers, Rep. Mike Rogers, Legislative Director

- Rep. Rogers chairs the House Armed Services Committee, which authorizes defense programs and has taken direct interest in supply chain security and access to critical minerals, central to the delegation's focus on the Lobito Corridor.

Laura Carey, HFAC Minority, Dep. Staff Director

- Serves under Ranking Member Gregory Meeks, who has engaged directly with African heads of state, and on a committee whose Africa Subcommittee holds direct jurisdiction over U.S. policy toward Zambia.

Larry Seyfried, Rep. Andy Barr, Deputy COS/LD

- Rep. Barr serves on the Foreign Affairs Committee's Indo-Pacific Subcommittee and the Select Committee on Strategic Competition with the CCP, relevant to countering Chinese influence over critical minerals markets like Zambia's.

Alexandra Davis, Rep. August Pfluger, Legislative Director

- Rep. Pfluger chairs the Republican Study Committee, the largest conservative caucus in the House, and serves on House Energy and Commerce, with a strong focus on energy security and supply chains relevant to critical minerals. He is also in the ICC.

Jenn Miller, Rep. Lois Frankel, Legislative Director

- Rep. Frankel is Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, which funds the foreign assistance programs central to the delegation's agenda. She is also in the ICC.

Emma Bruce, Rep. Ami Bera, Staff Director

- Rep. Bera is Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific and a longtime Foreign Affairs Committee member, bringing expertise on countering Chinese influence relevant to the delegation's focus on the Lobito Corridor.

Kelsey Greenwald, Rep. Tim Burchett, Chief of Staff

- Rep. Burchett serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee (Middle East/North Africa and South/Central Asia Subcommittees) and on House Oversight and Government Reform, giving him standing on U.S. foreign assistance oversight.

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Congressional Staff Delegation to Zambia

October 5th-13th, 2026

Monday, October 5th - Travel Day (two separate flight paths due to seat scarcity)

16:30 - 18:06	Flight UA 4504 Washington, DCA, to Newark, EWR. 3:19 hour layover.
21:25 - 18:30 (+1)	Flight UA188 departs Newark EWR for Johannesburg JNB.
17:12 - 19:04	Flight DL1695 departs Dulles (IAD) for Atlanta (ATL)
22:20 - 19:40 (+1)	Flight DL 0200 departs Atlanta (ATL) for Johannesburg (JNB)

Tuesday, October 6th- Travel Day

18:30 - 20:30	Land in Johannesburg, retrieve bags, and walk to City Lodge OR Tambo Hotel for check-in
20:30 - 21:00	Check in to City Lodge OR Tambo
21:00 - 22:00	Intro dinner briefing with Dan Mahoney, Deputy Director, US Program, at City Lodge OR Tambo Hotel Restaurant *Dan will outline the purpose and agenda of the mission, give an overview of ICCF, and provide background on US government support for conservation, food security, and human development in Zambia, providing participants with baseline information they will need throughout the trip. He will discuss mechanisms the US can use to support protected area management such as the US Foundation for Natural Security and Counterterrorism.*
Accommodations:	City Lodge OR Tambo, Johannesburg Airport

Wednesday, October 7th (6 hours of educational material)

07:40 - 09:40	SA 4Z 166 departs Johannesburg for Lusaka

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09:40 - 10:40 Retrieve bags and depart via car for US Embassy in Lusaka

10:40 - 11:10 Ground transport to US Embassy in Lusaka

11:15 - 12:45 Embassy visit in Lusaka, meet with Chargé d'Affaires, Mich Coker.

Staff will receive a country brief over lunch from Chargé d'Affaires, Mich Coker, outlining the political situation in Zambia and the US relationship with its government. The Chargé will also provide an overview of the recent Zambian elections and explain their outcome(s). We will also be joined by USG representatives from the Department of War, Foreign Commercial Service, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Health Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, State Dept. Public Affairs, State Dept. Regional Affairs Office, State Dept. Regional Security Office, and State Dept. Political/Economic Section.

12:45 - 13:15 Ground transport to Zambia National Public Health Institute

13:30 - 15:00 Zambia National Public Health Institute Tour with Dr. Thierry Malebe and the Zambian Permanent Secretary for Health, Dr. Kennedy Lishimpi

At ZNPHI, the delegation will gain insight into how STRIDES has supported public health emergency management, with a focus on coordination mechanisms used during the cholera outbreak response in Nakonde (March 2026), including incident management structures and data flow.

Key engagements will include discussions with Mr. George Kapapi, Mr. Paul Simujayangombe, and Dr. Naeem Dalal focusing on:

- *STRIDES' role in rapid response support, including technical assistance, coordination, and logistics.*
- *Lessons learned from the cholera response and how these are informing future preparedness planning.*
- *Ongoing efforts to strengthen disease surveillance systems and outbreak detection capacity.*
- *Procurement of Ebola medical supplies*
- *Support in the Preparation in Ebola epidemic preparedness response and site assessment*
- *Training of CBVs and HCWs in EBVs preparedness, response and management in North-Western, Copperbelt, Luapula, Central, Northern, Muchinga.*

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15:00 - 15:30	Ground transport to Holiday Inn Lusaka for Critical Mineral Briefing
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on the park's anti-poaching strategy and the connection between conservation, security, and economic development.

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Staff will learn about the threats posed by pollutants, over-allocation of water for crops, and sustainable fisheries in the Kafue ecosystem. This session will take place en route from Park HQ back to Ila Lodge.

Accommodations: Camp at Ila Lodge in Kafue NP

Saturday, October 10th - Kafue National Park (7 hours of educational programming)

08:30 - 09:30 Breakfast at Ila Lodge

09:30 - 11:30 Zambian Carnivore Programme field briefing near Park Headquarters.

Staff will learn about predator-prey dynamics and species research and monitoring. The delegation will meet with Field Operations Managers Charles Simwawa, Jed Bird, Mweene Voster, Lawrence Munro, and Sven Vrdoljak, who will explain how herbivore population recovery and grazing pressure are being managed as African Parks rebuilds prey populations in Kafue.

11:30 - 12:15 Travel back to Ila Lodge for lunch

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15:30 - 16:30 Travel back to Ila Lodge

16:30 - 18:00 Executive time

18:00 - 19:30 Dinner with Craig Reid (Park Manager), Kaliba Mukando (Funding and Reporting Manager), Rabecca Musumba (Financial Controller), and Andrea Reid (Special Projects Manager) to discuss Kafue's new 10 Year Management Plan.

Congressional staff will participate in an educational discussion with Kafue National Park management about the park's new 10-year management plan and its vision for long-term conservation and sustainable tourism. The discussion will explore how Kafue is balancing wildlife protection, community engagement, tourism development, and sustainable financing to support the park's conservation goals over the next decade.

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22:00 - 07:45 (+1) UA187 departs Johannesburg JNB for Newark EWR

23:15 - 15:35 (+1) Flight DL9348 departs Atlanta ATL for Johannesburg via Amsterdam

Tuesday, October 13th - Travel Day

09:15 - 10:44 UA4516 departs Newark EWR for Washington DCA

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Congressional Staff Delegation to Zambia

October 5th-13th, 2026

Monday, October 5th - Travel Day (two separate flight paths due to seat scarcity)

16:30 - 18:06	Flight UA 4504 Washington, DCA, to Newark, EWR. 3:19 hour layover.
21:25 - 18:30 (+1)	Flight UA188 departs Newark EWR for Johannesburg JNB.
17:12 - 19:04	Flight DL1695 departs Dulles (IAD) for Atlanta (ATL)
22:20 - 19:40 (+1)	Flight DL 0200 departs Atlanta (ATL) for Johannesburg (JNB)

Tuesday, October 6th- Travel Day

18:30 - 20:30	Land in Johannesburg, retrieve bags, and walk to City Lodge OR Tambo Hotel for check-in
20:30 - 21:00	Check in to City Lodge OR Tambo
21:00 - 22:00	Intro dinner briefing with Dan Mahoney, Deputy Director, US Program, at City Lodge OR Tambo Hotel Restaurant *Dan will outline the purpose and agenda of the mission, give an overview of ICCF, and provide background on US government support for conservation, food security, and human development in Zambia, providing participants with baseline information they will need throughout the trip. He will discuss mechanisms the US can use to support protected area management such as the US Foundation for Natural Security and Counterterrorism.*
Accommodations:	City Lodge OR Tambo, Johannesburg Airport

Wednesday, October 7th (6 hours of educational material)

07:40 - 09:40	SA 4Z 166 departs Johannesburg for Lusaka

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09:40 - 10:40	Retrieve bags and depart via car for US Embassy in Lusaka
10:40 - 11:10	Ground transport to US Embassy in Lusaka
11:15 - 12:45	Embassy visit in Lusaka, meet with Chargé d'Affaires, Mich Coker.

Staff will receive a country brief over lunch from Chargé d'Affaires, Mich Coker, outlining the political situation in Zambia and the US relationship with its government. The Chargé will also provide an overview of the recent Zambian elections and explain their outcome(s). We will also be joined by USG representatives from the Department of War, Foreign Commercial Service, Millennium Challenge Corporation, Health Office, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, State Dept. Public Affairs, State Dept. Regional Affairs Office, State Dept. Regional Security Office, and State Dept. Political/Economic Section.

12:45 - 13:15	Ground transport to Zambia National Public Health Institute
13:30 - 15:00	Zambia National Public Health Institute Tour with Dr. Thierry Malebe and the Zambian Permanent Secretary for Health, Dr. Kennedy Lishimpi

At ZNPHI, the delegation will gain insight into how STRIDES has supported public health emergency management, with a focus on coordination mechanisms used during the cholera outbreak response in Nakonde (March 2026), including incident management structures and data flow.

Key engagements will include discussions with Mr. George Kapapi, Mr. Paul Simujayangombe, and Dr. Naeem Dalal focusing on:

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