



What People are Saying About MCC

“One of the great advances of the past eight years has been the creation of a bipartisan consensus for the more strategic use of foreign assistance. We have begun to transform our assistance into an incentive for developing states to govern justly, advance economic freedom, and invest in their people. This is the great innovation of the Millennium Challenge Account initiative.”

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on June 9, 2008

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“...I think the collaboration between AGRA and the MCC, outlined in the memorandum of understanding, will help to rapidly [increase] the yield and incomes of small...farmers. And that is what we are all about. I think aggressive investments in development and disseminating appropriate technologies for the small...farmer, such as improved seeds, fertilizers, complements MCC’s investments...And we really look forward to working together... in making Africa a really productive agricultural continent.”

Former United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on June 11, 2008

Signing Ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding between the

Millennium Challenge Corporation and the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa

“...the Millennium Challenge Account...is the kind of smart and strategic foreign aid that can earn back the U.S. public’s confidence in our ability to make a meaningful and compassionate response to the world poverty crisis.”

Fran Quigley on June 16, 2008

Indianapolis Star

“The impoverished regions of the world are the most unstable, volatile, and dangerous areas representing the greatest threats to America and the world. Extremism and terrorism breed in these locations. Therefore, we must pay attention to them. President Bush deserves credit for his initiatives to create the Millennium Challenge Account promoting sustainable, long-term economic growth and good governance in the world’s poorest countries.”

United States Senator Chuck Hagel on June 27, 2008

In his speech “Memo to the Candidates” delivered at a Brookings Institution event

“Millennium Challenge is a bold approach to foreign aid, targeted at creating important economy-building infrastructure in poor countries. Slashing its budget would punish nations that have worked very hard to open their societies and fight corruption. To devote the money to short-term food aid instead would be like taking away a man’s fishing pole and handing him a fish.”

The Senate’s foreign aid fight

The Los Angeles Times editorial, June 27, 2008

[Referencing Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroya’s trip to the United States:]

“Her meetings with leaders of the Millennium Challenge Corp. were also important to us. By not cancelling that meeting, the President underscored the gains of her government in the war against graft and corruption. Millennium would not have given the Philippines a sizeable grant were it not for the presence of reforms that translate into good governance.”

“No need to justify the President’s US visit”

Manila Daily Standard editorial, June 30, 2008

“AGRA [is] moving around the world building alliances, joining hands and forces with many institutions. And I would say here, in Washington, on the 11th of June, we had a wonderful opportunity to sign a memorandum of understanding with the Millennium Challenge Cooperation in which they would come with their resources, capacity to improve significantly infrastructure which is one of the key limiting elements in African agriculture, thus permitting the AGRA’s adaptive research and technologies to be able to give the best outputs.”

Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa President Namanga Ngongi on July 2, 2008

In his panel remarks at an American Enterprise Institute event

“I would just like to say one further word about the MCC program. I do see many successful MCC compact recipients. I see many aspirants. There’s a wonderful spirit that the MCC has developed in the developing world, which is to think about what countries can do for themselves and to have the United States as a partner. And while this is, indeed, the last compact that this Administration will sign in Washington, I know that the future of this program will be bright.”

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on July 14, 2008

At the signing of Burkina Faso’s MCC compact