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Participant Biographies

PRESENTERS

Henrietta Holsman Fore, Administrator, U.S. Agency for International Development and Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance

Henrietta H. Fore is the Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). In that capacity, she is concurrently designated by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice as the Director of U.S. Foreign Assistance. As the first female Administrator of USAID, she is responsible for managing U.S. foreign assistance, including support to countries recovering from disaster, trying to escape poverty, and engaging in democratic reforms. She oversees a staff of approximately 8,000, of whom more than 75 percent are working overseas in USAID field offices.

Immediately prior to her confirmation as USAID Administrator, she served as Under Secretary of State for Management. Prior to this appointment, Ms. Fore served as the 37th Director of the United States Mint in the Department of Treasury between August 2001 and August 2005. She had also been a Presidential appointee at USAID from 1989 to 1993, first as Assistant Administrator for Private Enterprise and then Assistant Administrator for Asia.

In addition to her foreign policy experience in government service, Ms. Fore has held leadership positions in numerous international non-profit organizations. She was a Trustee and Executive Committee Member at the Center of Strategic and International Studies. She also served as Chairman of the Audit Committee and Member of the Executive Committee of the Aspen Institute Board of Trustees. In addition she served as a Trustee or Director of the Asia Society, The Asia Foundation, The Institute of the Americas, and the U.S. Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council.

Earlier in her career Ms. Fore was a successful business woman running her own company and serving on the boards of public corporations. She was Chairman and President of Stockton Wire Products, a manufacturer and distributor of steel products, cement additives and wire building materials for the U.S. and European construction industry. She served on the Corporate Boards of the Dexter Corporation and HSB Group Inc., both listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Ms. Fore has a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Wellesley College and a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from the University of Northern Colorado. She received the 2004 Alumnae Award from the University of Northern Colorado and the 2006 Alumnae Award from the Baldwin School. She has also studied International Politics at Oxford University and studied at Stanford University Graduate School of Business.

James K. Glassman, Under Secretary, Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs

James K. Glassman leads America's public diplomacy outreach, which includes communications with international audiences, cultural programming, academic grants, educational exchanges, international visitor programs, and U.S. government efforts to confront ideological support for terrorism. He oversees the bureaus of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Public Affairs and International Information Programs, and participates in foreign policy development.

Mr. Glassman previously served as chairman of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG), the independent federal agency that oversees all U.S. government non-military international broadcasting, including the Voice of America, Alhurra, Radio Sawa, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia, and Radio and TV Martí. As the Under Secretary for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Mr. Glassman is designated by the Secretary of State to serve as one of nine members of the BBG board.

Prior to assuming his position as Under Secretary, Mr. Glassman was a senior fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a Washington public policy think tank. He served as editor-in-chief of *The American*, AEI's bimonthly magazine of business and economics. He is the former president of The Atlantic Monthly Co., publisher of *The New Republic*, Executive Vice President of U.S. News & World Report, and editor-in-chief and co-owner of *Roll Call*, the congressional newspaper.

In 2003, he served on the Advisory Group on Public Diplomacy for the Arab and Muslim World, a commission mandated by Congress.

Between July 1993 and July 2004, he was an investing columnist for *The Washington Post*. For four years, he also wrote an op-ed column for *The Washington Post* on political and economic issues. His articles have been published in the *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Forbes*, and other publications. Glassman's most recent book is *The Secret Code of the Superior Investor* (Crown).

Mr. Glassman is a graduate of Harvard University, where he was managing editor of the university daily, *The Crimson*. He is the recipient of, among other honors, the Warren Brookes Award of the American Legislative Exchange Council for distinguished journalism.

Sada Cumber, Special Envoy to the Organization of the Islamic Conference

President George W. Bush announced the appointment of Sada Cumber as Special Envoy to the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC) on February 27, 2008. Mr. Cumber assumed his duties on March 3, 2008.

As Special Envoy, Mr. Cumber serves as the U.S. representative to the OIC and seeks to promote improved dialogue and understanding between the United States and Muslim communities around the world. Mr. Cumber has founded 11 companies in technology-based industries, as well as Texas Global, an international strategic advising firm, and CACH Capital Management, an investment advisory and wealth management firm.

As Special Envoy, Mr. Cumber is employing his multicultural background and extensive business, social, and political skills to promote cooperation across cultures, to support international economic development and help advance meaningful dialogue among the world's religious communities. Mr. Cumber was born in Karachi, Pakistan, in 1951. He holds a Bachelor's degree in Commerce and a Master's degree in History, both from the University of Karachi. Mr. Cumber came to the United States in 1978 and has been an American citizen since 1986.

Iqbal Noor Ali, Chief Executive Officer, Aga Khan Foundation, USA

Active in the international development community in Washington, DC, Iqbal Noor Ali has served on the Executive Committee of InterAction and the International Committee of the Council of Foundations. He currently serves on the Membership Committee of the Independent Sector. Prior to his current position, Mr. Noor Ali worked with the Aga Khan Development Network's Industrial Promotion Services, beginning in 1979. He was born in Karachi, Pakistan, where he received a Bachelor's degree in Commerce from St. Patrick's College and pursued an MBA degree. He continued his studies in business and finance after moving to Canada in 1969 and worked 10 years in public accounting and private industry.

MODERATORS

Margot Ellis, Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Asia Bureau, USAID

As USAID's Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Asia Bureau, Margot Ellis has broad management and oversight responsibilities within the Asia region, with a focus on East Asian affairs.

Prior to her appointment as Deputy Assistant Administrator for the Asia Bureau, Ms. Ellis served from 2005 to 2008 as the Mission Director for USAID/Uganda. In this capacity, she provided strategic, policy, programmatic, and administrative oversight to one of the largest USAID programs in sub-Saharan Africa. Her portfolio included extensive programs to reduce the transmission and impact of HIV/AIDS and malaria in Uganda, as well as programs to improve Uganda's agricultural productivity, conserve Uganda's unique biodiversity, and increase accountability, broaden political participation, and reduce corruption. Ms. Ellis significantly expanded the Mission's focus on mitigating the causes and consequences of conflict in northern Uganda and opened and staffed USAID's first field office in that region.

Ms. Ellis' earlier Foreign Service assignments include six years (1999–2005) as Deputy Director in USAID/West Bank and Gaza and as Director of the Private Enterprise Office. Her tour in the West Bank and Gaza coincided with the tumultuous period of the second *intifada*, the construction of the separation barrier between the West Bank and Israel, and the development of the Gaza Disengagement Plan. From 1994 to 1999, Ms. Ellis worked in USAID/South Africa as the Director of the Private Sector Division, and from 1986 to 1994 she served in Harare, Zimbabwe, as the Program Officer for both the bilateral USAID Program and the Southern Africa Regional Program. Before joining USAID, Ms. Ellis worked for J.P. Morgan Chase, General Motors, and Ford Motor Corporation.

Ms. Ellis obtained her undergraduate degree in Economics and Public Policy from Cornell University and her MBA in Finance from Columbia University.

Elisabeth Kvitashvili, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, USAID

Elisabeth Kvitashvili serves as Deputy Assistant Administrator in the Bureau for Democracy, Conflict, and Humanitarian Assistance, USAID. She is a career senior Foreign Service officer with tours in Afghanistan, Russia, and Honduras. She served in Afghanistan from 2002 to 2003, where she was head of the USAID reconstruction program and Acting Mission Director. In the mid-1980s she was based in Peshawar, Pakistan, where she designed the USAID Cross Border Humanitarian Assistance Program for Afghanistan.

During 1997 and 1998, she traveled for USAID throughout Afghanistan undertaking humanitarian assessments with the United Nations. She has also spent significant time in the North and South Caucasus, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Bosnia, Rwanda, Burundi, Ethiopia, and Eritrea, working primarily on humanitarian and conflict-related programs. She previously served three years as the director of the Disaster Response and Mitigation Division in the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, where she led a number of Disaster Assistance Response Teams, and one year in the Office of Transition Initiatives as a senior program officer. She holds a Master's degree in Near East Studies from the University of London's School of Oriental and African Studies and a Diploma in International Relations from Paris University's School of Political Science. She is fluent in French, Spanish, and Russian. She is currently adjunct professor at the Johns Hopkins University School for Advanced International Studies (SAIS).

PANELISTS

Azhar Hussain, Vice President for Preventive Diplomacy, ICRD

Azhar Hussain is the Vice President for Preventive Diplomacy at the International Center for Religion & Diplomacy (ICRD). A native of Pakistan, he holds a Master's degree in International/Intercultural Management from the School of International Training in Vermont. Mr. Hussain has been providing educational and intercultural consulting services for numerous multi-national organizations for the past 10 years and has a well-established history of successful training and development initiatives throughout the world, including in India, Pakistan, Britain, the United States, and Mexico. He has served as Senior Consultant to the Government of Mexico's Ministry of Education and as an adjunct professor at the Tecnológico de Monterrey University in Mexico, where he taught courses on international relations and history and served as a teacher trainer for various university faculty.

Kip Knight, President, Knight Vision Marketing

Kip Knight is the President of Knight Vision Marketing, a strategic marketing consultancy based in Silicon Valley, as well as Dean of the U.S. Marketing College for the State Department. Mr. Knight started his career in marketing research at Burke Marketing Research in Cincinnati, Ohio, and over the past 28 years has worked in over 80 countries around the world. He spent 10 years in Brand Management at Procter and Gamble in charge of various brands such as Ivory Soap and well as working on the development and launch of various new food and beverage brands such as Olestra.

He worked 10 years in PepsiCo's international restaurant division where he served in a variety of marketing and general management roles, including General Manager of North Latin America as well as head of marketing for KFC International. Mr. Knight was also Chief Marketing Officer for Taco Bell based in Southern California. From 2002 until 2008, Mr. Knight worked at eBay, the world's largest e-commerce site. He was vice-president of marketing for eBay, North America. He was also responsible for managing eBay Canada, the leading e-commerce site in Canada.

He was the first head of International Marketing as well as serving as Regional Vice President for eBay International for Latin America, Australia, and Taiwan. Mr. Knight has been a featured speaker at numerous conferences, such as Business Week's Global Brand Conference, the Association of National Advertisers Annual Conference, the Silicon Valley Technology Conference, the Global Innovation Summit in Dubai, The Economist Digital Forum, The American Marketing Association, and HP's Global Marketing Congress. He is actively involved as a Board member of C.E.O Women, a progressive non-

profit in the Bay area dedicated to helping immigrant women start their own businesses. He earned his B.S. degree from Louisiana State University in marketing and his MBA from the University of Cincinnati.

Douglas Ramage, Senior Advisor, World Bank Jakarta, former Asia Foundation

As The Asia Foundation's Representative in Indonesia, Dr. Ramage directed all of the Foundation's extensive civil society, democracy, and economic reform programs in the country. He managed an international staff of over 50 and made grants to Indonesian organizations and government agencies in support of economic and civil society reform aimed at strengthening Indonesia's on-going democratic transition. Prior to joining the Foundation in 1996, Dr. Ramage was a Research Fellow in Southeast Asian Politics at the East-West Center and Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Hawaii. He spent two years (1991–1993) as a Fulbright Scholar at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Jakarta and was previously Research Fellow at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore in 1989. In addition, Dr. Ramage is the author of numerous publications on Indonesia's democratization.

Manal Omar, Program Officer, USIP

Ms. Omar joined USIP as a program officer for the Grant Program in August 2008. Previously, she was regional program manager for the Middle East for Oxfam Great Britain, where she responded to humanitarian crises in Palestine and Lebanon. Prior to that, she worked with Women for Women International as regional coordinator for Afghanistan, Iraq, and Sudan. She was responsible for setting up operations in Iraq and lived in Baghdad from 2003 to 2005. Ms. Omar has more than three years of experience working with the World Bank's development economics group. She launched her career as a journalist in the Middle East in 1996. UNESCO recruited her to work on one her first lead assignments in Iraq in 1997 and 1998. Ms. Omar has carried out training programs in Yemen, Bahrain, Afghanistan, Sudan, Lebanon, Palestine, Kenya, and many other countries. Ms. Omar's activities have been profiled in the mainstream media by the Washington Times, the Los Angeles Times, the BBC, NPR, Glamour, the London Times, and Newsweek.

Ms. Omar is on the board of directors of Women Without Borders, an international NGO based in Austria and an active member of the American Muslim community. In 2007, she was named by Islamic Magazine as one of the 10 young visionaries shaping Islam in America. She holds an M.A. in Arab studies from Georgetown University and a B.A. in international relations from George Mason University.

Ziad J. Asali, M.D., President, American Task Force on Palestine

Dr. Asali is a long-time activist on Middle East issues. He has been a member of the Chairman's Council of American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) since 1982 and has served as ADC's President from 2001 to 2003. He served as the President of the Arab-American University Graduates from 1993 to 1995 and was Chairman of the American Committee on Jerusalem, which he co-founded, from 1995 to 2003.

He has been featured in Al Ahram Weekly the Washington Times and in the Forward. He has contributed and written for the Los Angeles Times, Detroit Free Press, Washington Post, Boston Globe, Miami Herald, and The Daily Star. He has provided television commentary and interviews for CNN, CBS, Charlie Rose, MSNBC, FOX News, BBC, C-Span, Voice of America, and numerous syndicated cable programs.

In August 2007 Dr. Asali traveled with Under Secretary of State Karen Hughes to Palestine as a member of the official delegation of the U.S. Department of State to monitor the launch of the Middle East Investment Initiative Program. On December 3, 2007, Dr. Asali was appointed one of four co-chairs of the U.S. Public-Private Partnership.

Jack Boyson, Program Director for Education, International Youth Foundation

Jack Boyson is Programs Director of the Education Unit of the International Youth Foundation (IYF), where he is currently serving as the team leader of two initiatives: the Education and Livelihood Skills Alliance in the Philippines (serving as Chief of Party and Program Director) and the Wrigley Youth Empowerment Success (Y.E.S.) Program in India, Poland, Russia, Philippines, and Spain. He also serves as an advisor on life and employability skills for IYF's Education and Employment Alliance Program in Pakistan and BridglT program in Tanzania.

Over the past 16 years at IYF, he has also planned many of the Foundation's major initiatives in education, employment, and youth leadership and engagement; provided technical assistance in capacity building to such programs; and evaluated their impacts. He has conducted training workshops on project planning, evaluation, organizational capacity-building, and program sustainability and provided technical assistance to fellow staff and staff of the Foundation's global network of country partners, as well as to staff of the Inter-American Development Bank, USAID, and the World Bank.

Prior to joining IYF, Mr. Boyson served as Project Planner and Acting Director of the Office of Planning for ADRA/International. In addition to his work at IYF, he is Lecturer in International Development for Andrews University, Berrien Springs, Michigan, which includes preparing curriculums for the University's distance-learning Master's degree in international development program in the areas of project planning, proposal writing, fund mobilization, sustainability, and conducting social needs assessments.