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H.E. Paul Kagame ***President of the Republic of Rwanda***

His Excellency Paul Kagame was sworn in as President of the Republic of Rwanda for a seven-term mandate on 12 September 2003 after being elected in the first ever democratically contested multiparty elections held in August 2003. Paul Kagame was born in October 1957 in Ruhango, Southern Province, to Deogratius and Asteria Rutagambwa. In 1960, he fled persecution and ethnic pogroms that were

to characterise Rwanda in subsequent decades, and became a refugee in Uganda.


Paul Kagame was among the first 27 men who, together with Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, launched a five-year liberation war in Uganda in 1980. He served as a senior officer in the Ugandan army between 1986 and 1990 during which time he attended a staff and command course at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, USA. In October 1990, Paul Kagame returned to Rwanda after thirty years in exile to lead the Rwandan Patriotic Army (RPA) in the struggle for the liberation of Rwanda. On 19 July 1994, he was appointed Vice-President and Minister for Defense in the Government of National Unity.

In 1998, he was elected Chairman of the Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), a partner in the Government of National Unity. On 17 April 2000, he was unanimously elected President of the Republic of Rwanda by the Transitional National Assembly. He took the Oath of Office on 22 April 2000. President Kagame was awarded the 2003 Global Leadership Award by the Young Presidents Organization (YPO), in recognition of his role in uniting and reconciling Rwandans and in promoting peaceful solutions to conflicts in the region.

In July 2003, President Kagame was elected 1st Vice President of the African Union during the African Union Heads of State and Government Summit held in Maputo, Mozambique. In April 2005, President Kagame was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor Laws by the University of the Pacific in the USA.

In September 2005, President Kagame was awarded the Andrew Young Medal for Capitalism and Social Progress by Georgia State University in the USA; and in the same month received the African National Achievement Award by the Africa-America Institute in the USA. In April 2006, President Kagame was awarded an Honorary Doctorate by Oklahoma Christian University in the USA.

President Kagame was presented the ICT Africa Award in 2006 and in 2007—an award which recognizes organizations and individuals that have demonstrated



excellence in promoting the use of ICTs for the overall development of the African continent. President Kagame was the recipient of the 2007 African Gender Award presented by Femmes Africa Solidarité in recognition of outstanding achievement in furthering gender mainstreaming in the economic and political spheres, as well as addressing social and cultural barriers that impede the involvement and advancement of women in national affairs.

In August 2007, President Kagame received “The Abolitionist of the Year 2007” Award after Rwanda abolished the death penalty. The award was presented by Hands Off Cain to recognize the person, who, above all others, has demonstrated an extraordinary commitment in the struggle for a moratorium on executions and the abolition of the death penalty.

President Kagame has been married to Jeannette Nyiramongi since 1989. They have four children. President Kagame is a keen tennis player and football fan.

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

Henrietta H. Fore was nominated by President George W. Bush on May 7, 2007, and confirmed by the U.S. Senate on November 14, 2007 as the new 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, a position she held beginning in August 2005. Prior to this appointment Fore served as the 37th Director of the United States Mint in the Department of Treasury between August 2001–August 2005. She had also been a Presidential appointee at the U.S. Agency for International Development from 1989–1993, first as Assistant Administrator for Private Enterprise in the U.S. Agency for International Development and then Assistant Administrator for Asia.

In addition to her foreign policy experience in government service, Henrietta 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 United States Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council.

As Director of the United States Mint, Ms. Fore managed the world's largest manufacturer of coins, medals, and coin products. The United States Mint produced 13 billion coins in 2004 for the nation's trade as well as gold, silver and platinum bullion coins and commemorative coins and medals for investors and collectors.

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.

Henrietta 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. She is married and lives in Washington, D.C., and Nevada. She is a keen sailor and collector of antique Holsman Automobiles.

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Margaret Spellings **U.S. Secretary of Education**

Margaret Spellings is the U.S. Secretary of Education. As the first mother of school-aged children to serve as Education Secretary, Spellings has a special appreciation for the hopes and concerns of American families.

Secretary Spellings is working to ensure that every young American has the knowledge and skills to succeed in the 21st century. She has partnered with states to implement and enforce the No Child Left Behind Act, which commits our schools to bringing all students up to grade level or better in reading and math by 2014. The law has led to rising test scores and shrinking achievement gaps in states across the country.

Secretary Spellings has been a leader in reform to make education more innovative and responsive. She supported teachers with new financial incentives for gains in student achievement and parents with new educational choices and options. She announced new rules to ensure that students with disabilities and English language learners are educated to the highest standards. She also proposed a landmark Plan for Higher Education that would improve accessibility, affordability and accountability.

Secretary Spellings believes we must not retreat from the world in the face of increased competition. She is leading the effort to pass President Bush's American Competitiveness Initiative, which would strengthen math and science instruction and encourage high schools to offer more rigorous and advanced coursework. She worked to implement Academic Competitiveness and National SMART grants, which are providing millions of dollars to low-income students who major in math, science, or critical foreign languages.

Prior to her tenure as Education Secretary, Spellings served as Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy, where she helped create the No Child Left Behind Act and crafted policies on education, immigration, health care, labor, transportation, justice, housing, and other elements of the President's domestic agenda. Previously, Spellings worked for six years as Senior Advisor to Governor George W. Bush with responsibility for developing and implementing the Governor's education reforms and policies. From the White House and the Statehouse to the school board and college campus, Spellings has been involved with education policy at every level.

Born in Michigan, Spellings moved with her family at a young age to Houston, Texas, where she attended public schools. She graduated from the University of Houston with a bachelor's degree in political science.

Daphrose Gahakwa
Minister of Education, Republic of Rwanda

Since March 2008, the Honorable Daphrose Gahakwa has served as the Minister of Education in Rwanda. Hon. Gahakwa Daphrose has a PhD in Genetic Engineering from John Innes Centre, University of East Anglia, U.K. (2001). She graduated with B.Sc. in Agriculture from Makerere University (Uganda) in 1979. In 2004, she was appointed Minister of State in charge of Agriculture in the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Resources. Before this appointment, she served in Uganda in different positions related to agriculture and science. She is an independent close to the RPF ruling party.

Romain Murenzi
Minister in Charge of Science, Technology and Scientific Research, Republic of Rwanda

Professor Romain Murenzi returned to Rwanda, his country of birth, to be appointed Minister of Education, Science, Technology and Scientific Research in August 2001. He completed his initial education in Burundi with a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics from the University of Burundi. He was awarded Master of Science in Physics in 1986 and PHD in 1990 from the Catholic University of Louvain in Belgium. He was appointed Chair and Professor of the Department of Physics at Clark Atlanta University, USA. As Minister of Education, he was committed to the expansion and modernization of the Rwanda's education system; and the development of the Scientific and Technological capacity of Rwanda. This includes: the achievement of education for all targets and millennium development goals, development of Science, Technology and Innovation, and Rwanda's aspiration to have a knowledge-based and technology-led economy by 2020. In March 2006 he was appointed as a Minister in President's Office in Charge of Science, Technology and Scientific Research. He has a number of major research interests including leading edge technology such as continuous wavelets application to multidimensional signal processing, in particular, he recently co-authored a book on two-dimensional wavelets and their relatives, Cambridge, September 2004. He was elected as fellow of the Third World Academy of Sciences in November 2005. Professor Murenzi is a visiting Professor at the National University of Rwanda, and at the African Institute of Mathematical Sciences (AIMS), Stellenbosh University, South Africa.

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Iqbal Noor Ali
CEO, Aga Khan Foundation

Iqbal Noor Ali has been the Chief Executive Officer of Aga Khan Foundation U.S.A. since 1984, following five years with the Aga Khan Development Network's Industrial Promotion Services in Canada, where his responsibilities included assisting recent immigrants to North America establish small enterprises. Iqbal was born in Karachi and educated in Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Canada. He received a Bachelors degree in commerce from Karachi University, pursued an MBA degree, and then moved to Canada in 1969 to pursue further studies in business and finance. He works closely with the development community in the United States, having served on the Boards and Committees of various organizations including InterAction, the Council on Foundations, and the Independent Sector.



M. Peter McPherson
President Emeritus, Michigan State University

M. Peter McPherson is president of the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges (NASULGC) and President-Emeritus of Michigan State University. He chairs the board of Abraham Lincoln Study Abroad Commission, is the founding co-chair of the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, and is chairman of the Board of the International Food and

Agricultural Development. McPherson also serves on the Board of Directors of Dow Jones.

He retired as president of Michigan State University in December of 2004 after serving 11 years. From April to October 2003, he took leave from that position and served as the Director of Economic Policy in Iraq under the Coalition Provisional Authority.

Prior to being named president of Michigan State, Mr. McPherson held senior executive positions with the Bank of America from April 1989 to October 1993.

From 1969 to 1989, Mr. McPherson held several governmental and private sector positions. He served as deputy secretary of the U.S. Treasury, with special focus on trade, tax, and international issues, from August 1987 to March 1989. He was the administrator of the Agency for International Development from 1981 to 1987. He has also been the chairman of the board of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation, a managing partner of a large Ohio law firm, and a special assistant to President Gerald Ford. In 1964–1965, Mr. McPherson was a Peace Corps volunteer in Peru.

Mr. McPherson earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Michigan State University, an M.B.A. from Western Michigan University and a J.D. degree from American University Law School. He holds honorary doctorates from Virginia State University, Mount St. Mary's College and Michigan State University.

Mr. McPherson has also been honored with the U.S. Presidential Certificate of Outstanding Achievement, the Secretary of State Distinguished Leadership Award, the Department of Treasury's Alexander Hamilton Award, the UNICEF award for "outstanding contribution to child survival" and the 1983 Humanitarian of the Year award from the American Lebanese League.

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Narciso Matos

Executive Director, Foundation for Community Development, Mozambique

Narciso Matos is the Executive Director of the Foundation for Community Development in Mozambique. He studied at Eduardo Mondlane University (UEM) in Mozambique and Humboldt University in Germany, and has worked at several academic and administrative levels at the former institution. He was Dean of the Faculty of Science, and from 1990 to 1995 was Vice Chancellor. He served as a member of Mozambique's Parliament from 1986 to 1995, five of those years in the Parliament's Committee for International Relations. From 1995 to 2000 he was Secretary General of the Association of African Universities and was also member of the Advisory Group on Higher Education for the Director-General of UNESCO. From 2000 to 2007, Matos was Program Director of the International Development Program at Carnegie Corporation of New York where he oversaw the foundation's work in sub-Saharan Africa with a focus on strengthening higher education in select African universities, enhancing women's opportunities in higher education, and revitalizing public and university libraries.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND USAID

Franklin C. Moore

Deputy Assistant Administrator, USAID/Africa Bureau

A career member of the Senior Executive Service, Franklin C. Moore, was appointed as Deputy Assistant Administrator for U.S. Agency for International Development's (USAID) Africa Bureau in January 2008. Previous to his appointment, Mr. Moore served as Director of the Office of Environment and Science Policy within the Agency's Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade (EGAT) since October 2002.

Additionally, Mr. Moore has served as the Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator and Director for the Agency's Global Center for the Environment.

Prior to joining USAID in 1998, Mr. Moore held positions in the areas of agriculture, environment and national resource management with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, where he was an International Programs Specialist; with Africare, where he was a Regional Agricultural Business Specialist, resident in Zimbabwe; with Peace Corps where he was Associate Country Director for Agriculture in Ghana, the Agency's Agricultural Specialist and then Chief of Operations for Programming and Training; and as a Lecturer in the Agricultural Economics Department at Virginia State (College) University and the University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana.

Mr. Moore has a bachelor's degree in Economics with a minor in Art History from Yale University. He received a master's degree in Agricultural Economics, as well as a certificate in African Studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Mr. Moore studied for a Ph.D. in Development Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (Agriculture/Natural Resource Economics, Political Science and Rural Sociology). Mr. Moore has lived in both West and Southern Africa; he has worked in approximately 40 countries overseas.



Sarah E. Moten, Ed.D.
**Chief, Africa Bureau, Office of Sustainable
Development, Education Division, USAID**

Dr. Sarah E. Moten is the Chief of the USAID Africa Bureau Office of Sustainable Development, Education Division. The Education Division is comprised of the Africa Education Initiative (AEI) and Basic Education core programs. As Division Chief, Dr. Moten manages a team of education professionals that provides guidance and technical assistance to 21 African bilateral education programs which provides \$175 million per year. She is the manager for President Bush's Africa Education Initiative which will provide \$600 million of funds to support Africa's education programs in teacher training, working with marginalized populations, textbooks and learning materials development and production, and the provision of girls' scholarships. HIV/AIDS mitigation and prevention, and parent and community participation in education are cross-cutting themes. In addition, Dr. Moten manages a \$30 million School Fees Program that works with countries to develop a holistic approach to education to provide access and opportunities for children to stay in school until completion of high a school.

In 2007, Dr. Sarah Moten was appointed by the Director of Foreign Assistance and Administrator of USAID to be the Deputy Coordinator of Basic Education, Department of State which over four years will provide \$525 million.

Dr. Moten was Director of International Affairs at the University of the District of Columbia; an International Affairs Consultant; Special Assistant to the President Emerita for the National Council of Negro Women; Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Refugee Assistance (Department of State); and Peace Corps Country Director in Swaziland, Kenya and Sierra Leone.

Dr. Moten has expertise in the areas of Diplomacy, Education, Refugee Affairs, Population Issues, Women and Children Issues, Economic Development and Environmental Policies. She has traveled extensively and has spoken to audiences in many countries. Sarah Moten has an earned Doctorate from Clark Atlanta University and Honorary Doctorates from Elizabeth City State University, Chicago State University and University of Massachusetts Boston. In 2008 Dr. Moten received The Medal of Freedom from The Foundation for Democracy in Africa and Swarthmore's Worldwide Award for Women in Education and Government.

Cheryl Sim**Chargé d’Affairs, U.S. Embassy in Kigali, Rwanda**

Prior to coming to Rwanda in August 2007, Cheryl Sim served as Deputy Director of the Office of India, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Bhutan Affairs in the Department of State’s Bureau of South and Central Asia Affairs (SCA/INS) (2005–2007). Prior to SCA/INS, Ms. Sim was Deputy Director in the Office of Burma, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam Affairs in the East Asia Bureau. She previously served overseas as Counselor for Political Affairs at the U.S. Mission in Geneva (1999–2002), as Consul General at the U.S. Consulate General in Calcutta (1996–1999), and had earlier tours in Madagascar, Thailand, Somalia and India. Her other assignments in the Department of State were as desk officer for Laos and desk officer for multilateral human rights issues in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor in the mid-1990s. Ms. Sim spent the 2002–2003 academic year at the Atlantic Council where she researched and wrote on American exceptionalism and the international human rights machinery. Ms. Sim received her Masters Degree from Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs and certificate in Southern Asian Studies from Columbia’s Institute of Southern Asian Studies. Ms. Sim is originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. She is married and has one son.

Dennis Weller**Mission Director, USAID/Rwanda**

Dennis Weller has been the Director of USAID/Rwanda since March 2008. With a masters degree in Agricultural Economics, Dennis’ work has included agriculture, environment, private sector and food aid activities. Raised on a corn and soybean farm in Illinois, his international work began as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Malaysia, after which he returned to the family farm and farmed with his dad for four years. During his 25-year career with USAID, Dennis served in Burma, Pakistan, Kenya and, just prior to his arrival in Rwanda, he served in Ghana as Deputy Director. He is married and has three sons.

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES

Goolam Mohamedbhai

Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities

Professor Goolam Mohamedbhai is the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Mauritius, a position he held from 1995–2005. He obtained his Bachelor's and Doctorate degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Manchester, UK, and did his postdoctoral research at the University of California, Berkeley, under a Fulbright-Hays award. He has also been conferred an honorary doctorate by the Mykolas Romeris University, Lithuania, and the Institute of Business Management of Karachi, Pakistan.

He is presently the Secretary-General of the Association of African Universities, a position he took up on 1 August 2008. He was the President of the International Association of Universities, based at UNESCO, Paris, from 2004–2008. He has also been Chairman of several other university associations, including the Association of Commonwealth Universities (2003–2004), the University Mobility in the Indian Ocean Rim (2001–2004), and the University of the Indian Ocean (1998–2005). He is currently Chairman of the Regional Scientific Committee for Africa of the UNESCO Global Forum on Higher Education, Research and Knowledge and a member of the governing Council of the United Nations University.

Sibry JM. Tapsoba

Manager, Education, Science and Technology Division, African Development Bank

Trained in Education Administration, Comparative and International Education in the Department of Educational Administration, Organization and Policy at the State University of New York at Buffalo (USA), Sibry Tapsoba holds a Masters Degree and a Ph.D.

He joined the African Development Bank in 2000 as Chief Education Specialist and has since occupied the positions of Assistant to the Vice President, Corporate Management; Advisor to the Vice President, Policy and Planning; Lead Education Officer in the Human Development Department; Manager of the Higher Education, Science, Technology and Vocational Training Division; and is currently the Manager of the Education, Science and Technology Division.

Prior to joining the Bank, Dr. Tapsoba was the Regional Director of the International Development Research Centre of Canada (IDRC-Canada) for West and Central Africa, in charge of the overall management of IDRC-Canada

operations in the 24 countries. Before his appointment as Regional Director, he served as Team Leader and Senior Program Specialist for Social Policy and Education. He has taught at the Institut des Sciences de l'éducation of the Université de Ouagadougou in Burkina Faso and at the Ecole Nationale d'Administration of Burkina Faso. He has served as Senior Consultant to several institutions and is the author of several books and refereed articles on higher education, research and economic development issues. Dr. Tapsoba is currently the Chair of the ADEA Working Group on Higher Education. He is a national of Burkina Faso.

Salina Cheserem Sanou
Senior Program Coordinator, Forum for African Women
Educationalists (FAWE)

As Senior Programme Coordinator for the Forum of African Women Educationalists, based in the FAWE Secretariat in Nairobi, Kenya, Ms. Sanou coordinates a programme that oversees national chapter in 37 countries in sub Saharan Africa. FAWE's mission and vocation are to promote gender equity and equality in education in Africa by fostering positive policies, practices and attitudes towards girls' education. FAWE envisions a world in which gender disparities in education are eliminated and all African girls and women access education, perform well and complete their studies. FAWE's comparative advantage in the education sector is the development of gender-responsive educational approaches and models in order to transform educational processes, practices and environments to make them more conducive to learning, especially for girls and women.

During her career, Ms. Sanou has had over 14 years of working with numerous international organizations, including CARE International, Oxfam GB, Oxfam Novib, John Snow Inc/USAID and the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG Center in Nairobi). Her areas of expertise include education, health and gender issues at the policy and grassroots level in both Francophone and Anglophone Africa. She also has extensive experience in program implementation in conflict and post conflict situations and conducting advocacy campaigns at the grassroots and regional levels.

A member of two education networks: INEE (Inter-Agency Network for Education in Emergencies) Gender Task Force and Beyond Access: Gender Education and Development, funded by DFID, Institute of Education, London University and Oxfam GB, Ms. Sanou has several publications focused on pastoralist education and gender equity in education. She is a graduate of the University of Nairobi, Kenya and McGill University in Canada

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