



USAID Alumni Association

MEETING ALERT FOR USAID ALUMNI IN THE WASHINGTON AREA

The UAA is sponsoring two events in September which we think will be of great interest to USAID alumni. **Please let us know if you would like to attend one or both events by replying asap to ashakow@comcast.net**. Please also note carefully the dates and locations of these two events.

The first session will be on **Monday, September 15, 2014** from **10:00 am to noon** at the OAS (See directions below). **Mr. John Norris** (Center for American Progress) will speak on "**Grading the Administrators: A Look Back at USAID's Leadership over the Years.**" John has recently published a DEVEX series on USAID Administrators from 1961 to the present (see <https://pages.devex.com/USAID-history.html>). (See also former A/AID Brian Atwood's reflections at <http://www.modernizeaid.net/2014/08/13/the-clashes-of-the-nineties-the-administrators-take/#.U-5RRzyYZng.email>). Please join us and see if you agree with John's candid assessments!

John Norris was recently appointed to the President's Global Development Council. Since 2010 he has been Executive Director of the Sustainable Security and Peacebuilding Initiative at the Center for American Progress. Previously, he served as Executive Director of the Enough Project from 2008 to 2010, Chief of Political Affairs for the United Nations Mission in Nepal from 2006 to 2008, and Special Adviser to the President as well as Africa Program Executive at the International Crisis Group from 2001 to 2006. Earlier in his career, John served as the director of communications for U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott. He also worked as a speechwriter and field disaster expert at USAID. He received a B.S. from St. Lawrence University and an M.P.A. from The University of Vermont.

Please Note that this event will take place at the Organization of American States Building, 1889 "F" Street NW Terrace Level, Padhila Vidal Room. Located next to DACOR-Bacon House, George Washington University and the World Bank, it is near both the Farragut West (Blue/Orange Lines) and Farragut North (Red Line) Metro stations.

The second session will be on **Friday, September 26, 2014** from **10:00 am to 12:00 pm** at the **USAID Learning Center**. (See below for directions) **Mr. Eric Postel** will speak on **"So What Is USAID Doing These Days on Economic Growth?"**

Eric G. Postel began as USAID's Assistant Administrator for the Bureau of Economic Growth, Education and Environment in March 2011. He brings to the position more than 25 years of private sector experience working in emerging markets. During this time, he helped support economic development in more than 45 developing countries. He is working to implement President Obama's call to "elevate broad-based economic growth as a top priority" of U.S. development efforts overseas. He is also focusing on increasing Agency engagement with the private sector. He strongly believes that other Bureau activities involving Education, Infrastructure, Land Tenure, Gender and the Environment also contribute to sustainable economic growth. Mr. Postel also serves as the Agency's coordinator for the government-wide Partnership for Growth program and the "Plus 1" (alternate director) to the Millennium Challenge Corporation. Mr. Postel has a BA from Wesleyan University and an MBA from Stanford University. Between Wesleyan and Stanford, he served as a United States Naval Officer.

The USAID Washington Learning Center is located on the 6th Floor at 2231 Crystal Drive in Arlington, VA. The Crystal City Metro station (Blue and Yellow Lines) is conveniently located just several blocks away. There are many parking garages (e.g., at Crystal City Shops at 2345 Crystal Drive) as well as limited metered street parking. Maps and more details are found at <http://www.thecrystalcityshops.com/>.

Again, please respond **ASAP**
to [**ashakow@comcast.net**](mailto:ashakow@comcast.net) if you would like to
attend either or both of these sessions.

We look forward to seeing you!

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