



# USAID Alumni Association

## October 2017 UAA Newsletter

### Mark your Calendars for Upcoming UAA Events

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017 - 11:00 to 12:30 PM** - The former US Ambassador to Nigeria and to the Congo **Robin Renee Sanders** will speak at DACOR about her new book **The Rise of African Enterprises: Spurring Development and Growing the Middle Class**. This program is co-sponsored by the UAA and the DACOR Critical Policy Issues Forum.

**Monday, October 23, 2017 - 10:00 to Noon** - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue. Join us as **Mr. Inder Sud, President, World Bank Alumni**, will present the findings of his recent book in a provocative talk entitled "**Reforming Foreign Aid: Reinvent the World Bank (and more).**"

**Friday, November 3, 2017 - 8:30-4:00 PM** - **UAA Annual General Meeting** at Center for Global Development, 2055 L St NW, 5th floor. See details on the program and links for registration and voting below.

**Monday, December 4, 2017 - 10:00 to Noon** - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue. Long-time USAID and World Bank colleague **Jerry Wolgin**, will speak about a subject he knows very well - "**African Economic Growth: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.**"

**Monday, February 12, 2018 - 10:00 to Noon** - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue - **John Mellor**, former USAID Chief Economist, Director-General of IFPRI and Emeritus Professor at Cornell, will speak on key themes from his forthcoming book **Agricultural Development and Economic Transformation: Promoting Growth with Poverty.**

### New on USAIDalumni.org

- **Obituaries:** The [In Memoriam](#) page has a couple of new entries.
- In [Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities](#), a number of new openings have been posted.
- In [Perspectives](#), in an article on "The Paris Accord and Climate Change," alumnus Stephen Klein speculates that the President might revisit his statement that "climate change is a hoax" and revise his intention to withdraw the US from the Paris Accord.
- At a September [UAA Development Dialogue at DACOR](#), David Steinberg, Emeritus Distinguished Professor of Asian Studies at Georgetown University and USAID Alumnus, offered an engrossing account of "**How Myanmar and South Korea Upended Early Development Expectations.**" [Listen to it here.](#)
- In [Articles](#), read items on: 1) Barack Obama's thoughts on why foreign aid is a bargain; 2) meeting the North Korean challenge (co-authored by alum Ted

Morse); 3) an insider's guide to the Foreign Service as an institution, a profession, and a career; 4) despite budget cuts, the USG is still committed to humanitarian aid; 5) the amazing recent outpouring of support of USAID, both for the institution and its mission (from alum Diana Ohlbaum); 6) semantic differences between AID and State on cholera in Sudan; 7) the increase in world hunger as a result of climate change; 8) an analysis of over 60 reports on tackling the key issues facing the State Department and USAID; 9) an Atlantic Council assessment on how the State Dept. can restore its historical mission of leading the development and execution of US foreign policy; 10) US action to give Ethiopia \$91m in drought aid for food and medicine; and 11) Senate Appropriations Subcommittee approval of the FY 2018 State and Foreign Ops Appropriations Bill.

- [Web Links](#) include the new CGD Commitment to Development Index.
- In the [Forum](#), learn about Foreign Policy for America, a new non-profit, non-partisan 501c4 organization launched after the 2016 elections to defend and promote strong, principled American foreign policy.

Do you have news, an article or event you would like to share? Please send it to [office@usaidalumni.org](mailto:office@usaidalumni.org) or, better still, post it on the [Forum](#).

Looking for someone with a USAID alumni background and skills to hire or as a volunteer? If you would like to post a job or volunteer opportunity, please email us at [office@usaidalumni.org](mailto:office@usaidalumni.org), Attn: Jobs/Volunteers.

## 6th Annual UAA Picnic

For those who have joined us previously at the summer picnic, you will recognize the pavilion at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria. The decision to postpone the Picnic from the excessive heat of July to October 7 turned out to be the absolute right one. Blue skies, reasonable temperature and gentle breezes made it very comfortable indeed. In addition to some of the stalwart participants, we were pleased to have join us some relatively new UAA members, including Beth Hogan, Susan Malick, Terry Myers and Kathy Panther.



Board Member George Hill addresses his adoring masses

It is time to initiate recruitment of mentors for the 7th Cohort of the USAID/UAA Mentoring Program that will commence in December. The program, which has been operational for six years, matches interested field-based officers with alumni mentors. From the outset of this activity, the Agency saw and capitalized on the opportunity to tap the collective experience and wisdom of the USAID Alumni Association.

The prime purpose of the program is to provide overseas USAID FSOs with professional and career guidance. UAA's interest in supporting the program is to help the Agency build and retain a solid officer corps, one that is essential to the achievement of its goals and objectives now and in the future.

Successes to date correlate directly with a strong commitment to keep the program demand driven, having at its core the needs, objectives and specific requests of our mentees. At the outset of their participation in the Mentoring Program, mentors and mentees will receive orientation training. In general, mentors and mentees speak weekly (usually via Skype or phone). Alumni who have already served as mentors have found the experience both gratifying and a meaningful way to continue to connect to the important work USAID has always done.

The continued success of this program depends on the continued high quality participation of USAID alumni mentors. Please indicate your interest in being involved by responding to us by October 13. [Forward your expression of interest by clicking here.](#)

## 2017 Annual General Meeting

The 2017 UAA Annual General Meeting will be held on **November 3, 2017 at the Center for Global Development (CGD)** headquarters in Washington, DC. This year's meeting theme is:

### **"USAID Partnerships"**

The program will feature panels on commercial private sector and university partnerships.

The first panel will focus on "USAID Partnerships with the Private Sector." It will be moderated by Jim Michel, senior advisor, CSIS; with John Sanbrailo, Former Director, PADF; Richard Crespino, CEO of CollaborateUp; and Sean Jones, Senior DAA, USAID Bureau for Food Security.

The second session will focus on "USAID University Partnerships." It will be moderated by Montague Demment, APLU, with panelists Gebisa Ejeta, Professor, Purdue University; Dennis Carroll, Director of the USAID Avian Influenza and other Emerging Threats Unit; and Ticora Jones, Division Chief of USAID's Higher Education Solutions Network.

Afternoon sessions will include announcement of alumni awards, comments by USAID Administrator Mark Green (invited), and a panel on "Reforming USAID," a discussion among opinion makers from the Administration, the Hill and civil society, moderated by Scott Morris, Senior Fellow, Director of the US Development Policy Initiative, CGD.

**[Please click here to register for the AGM if you have not done so already](#)**

Please note that members will need to vote for Board Members electronically in advance. No voting will take place at the AGM. To be eligible to vote Alumni need

to be contributing members for 2017. Please check the web site to assure you are current for 2017 by clicking [here](#).

**[For voting and slate of candidates information please click here.](#)**

Please click [here](#) to read the UAA's 2017 Progress Report and Preliminary Plans for 2018.

To defray catering costs there will be a fee of \$25 for non-contributing Alumni to attend the AGM

Center for Global Development is located at [2055 L St. NW, Washington, DC](#).

## In Gratitude to John Sanbraillo

The UAA would like to recognize the outstanding contributions of alumnus John Sanbraillo to Latin America's development as he prepares to retire this month as Executive Director of the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) after a distinguished 50 year career in international development. John has directed the PADF for 18 years, growing its operations from \$8 million in the 1990s to \$95 million in 2016. PADF has implemented over \$1 billion in projects to improve the lives of millions of families in Latin America. We know him best for his many outstanding years at USAID leading development programs throughout the LAC region. The UAA would also like to recognize John for his yeoman efforts to support the USAID history project and for his hospitality in giving our Development Issues Committee a "home" for its regular bi-monthly meetings in the PADC conference room over the past two years. We wish him all the best in the next phase of his retirement.

## USAID History Project Underway! Additional Support Needed!

Many months ago we sought pledges from UAA members to finance the writing and publication of an independent and objective history of USAID. About 140 people generously pledged \$180,000, and most of that amount has now been received, for which we are very grateful. While short of our original goal, we decided we could not delay any longer, especially given the current threats to USAID's very existence. But even as we move forward with the project, we need your help to expand the list of contributors and increase total donations.

We urge many more of our fellow USAID alumni to join the effort and make a tax-deductible contribution now. Please send your check payable to the "UAA/USAID History Project" as soon as possible. Contributions should be mailed to the UAA/USAID History Project, c/o DACOR, 4th Floor, 1801 F St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20006. You will receive a grateful acknowledgment from the UAA and a receipt for tax purposes. Unless you specify otherwise, your name will be listed among contributors in our Newsletter and on the UAA website ([www.usaidalumni.org](http://www.usaidalumni.org)).

We are very pleased that John Norris has agreed to author the book. John is an experienced development professional who has held senior positions in government and non-government organizations and is a successful published author. Although John will continue at the Center for American Progress, the UAA will contract with him directly, and he will also become a Non-Resident Fellow at the Center for Global Development. A UAA Advisory Group will assist the author.

**Please donate as much as you can to help us record the critical place of USAID in global development.** If you have any questions, please write Alex Shakow ([ashakow@comcast.net](mailto:ashakow@comcast.net)) or Carol Peasley ([cpeasley@starpower.net](mailto:cpeasley@starpower.net)).

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