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Hybrid Event:

Building on a Legacy of Progress: Opportunities to Advance US Foreign Aid Effectiveness

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Thursday, October 31

9:30 - 11:00 am ET | 1:30 - 3:00 pm GMT
CGD's DC office, 2055 L Street NW, Floor 5, 20036, Washington, DC and Virtual

Across several recent administrations, leaders of key US development agencies—in partnership with Congress—have spearheaded efforts to enhance the effectiveness of US foreign assistance and development finance. From an expanded partner base and greater use of innovative tools to better integration of data and evidence to inform decision-making, the next president will have an opportunity to build on these bipartisan reforms and work alongside lawmakers on Capitol Hill to make assistance programs more strategic and impactful.

Join the [Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network](#) (MFAN) and the [Center for Global Development](#) (CGD) for an event reflecting on past progress and looking ahead to opportunities for future reform. Former USAID Administrators Gayle Smith (2015-2017) and Mark Green (2017-2020) will keynote. Their remarks will be followed by a panel discussion featuring former US officials, who will discuss priorities for maximizing the US government's foreign aid toolkit.

Keynote

[Ambassador Mark Green](#), Former USAID Administrator, 2017–2020

[Gayle Smith](#), Former USAID Administrator, 2015–2017

Panelists

[Rob Mosbacher](#), Former President and CEO, OPIC

[Susan Reichle](#), Former Counselor, USAID

[Beth Tritter](#), Former VP for Policy and Evaluation, MCC, and Former Director of the COVID-19 Response Team, USAID

Moderator

[Paul Weisenfeld](#), Executive Vice President, International Development, RTI International, and Chairman, Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA)

Welcome and Introductions from [Erin Collinson](#), Director of Policy Outreach, Center for Global Development, and [Tod Preston](#), Executive Director, Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN)

Event is co-hosted with the Center for Global Development

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MFAN is a bipartisan reform coalition composed of international development and foreign policy practitioners, policy advocates, and experts from the U.S. and Global South. We promote more effective and accountable U.S. foreign assistance that advances American interests, delivering greater results for people in need and U.S. taxpayers. Centered around two guiding principles of accountability and locally led development, we advocate for programs that focus on long-term outcomes and impact, including new and innovative approaches and models for development.

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