



USAID Alumni Association

FRONT LINE DISCUSSION SERIES – FIRST SESSION PERSPECTIVES ON THE FUTURE OF US FOREIGN ASSISTANCE

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 2, 2026
8am - 9:30am US Eastern Time (EDT) and
8pm- 9:30pm US Eastern Time (EDT)**

If you worked for USAID as a foreign service national (FSN)/local staff member, please join the USAID Alumni Association (UAA) for the inaugural session of UAA's Front Line Discussion Series. This highly participatory session will focus on thoughts on the future of development/humanitarian assistance – and will be an opportunity to hear from you.

We will begin with a 30-minute panel to set the stage and share some brief updates about current discussions on the future of foreign assistance among various groups in the US and in the US Congress and what key themes seem to be emerging, and what is emerging in Armenia, as one country example. Panelists will include Chris Milligan, former USAID Counselor, Mission Director and UAA Board Co-Chair; Dottie Rayburn, former senior USAID Congressional Legislative staff and volunteer with AID on the Hill; Narine Sargsyan, former Acquisition and Assistance Specialist with USAID/Armenia; and Ani Manukyan, former Project Management Specialist with USAID/Armenia.

This will be followed by an open discussion with all participants for about 60 minutes. We want to hear your thoughts about the future of foreign assistance, what your priorities would be, how things could be improved in the future, what concerns you have, and what key themes are emerging in individual country contexts.

This 90-minute inaugural session will be held twice to accommodate different time zones and maximize dialogue. To register for the discussion, please click on the registration link following your preferred timing option by August 25th 2026:

• **Session 1: September 2, 8am EDT** [Sign up here](#)

• **Session 2: September 2, 8pm EDT** [Sign up here](#)

An email with the call-in link will be shared no later than August 28th, 2026.

The sessions are open to all former USAID staff, although if we run out of space a particular call, call-in links for former FSNs will be prioritized.

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