



USAID Alumni Association

Annual General Meeting

Speaker Bios

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KEYNOTE FIRESIDE CHAT

Henrietta H. Fore has worked to champion economic development, education and health, nutrition, water and energy infrastructure, humanitarian and disaster assistance, and long-term development in countries around the world. She has served in leadership roles across the public, private, and nonprofit sectors.

Most recently, Ms. Fore served as Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) from 2018 to 2022. Prior to UNICEF, she was Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Holsman International, a manufacturing and investment company. She also served as the first woman Administrator of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); Director of United States Foreign Assistance; Under Secretary of State for Management at the U.S. Department of State; and Director of the United States Mint at the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Ms. Fore currently serves on the boards of the Global Preparedness Monitoring Board (GPMB), EQT Future, the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Chief Executives for Corporate Purpose (CECP), Direct Relief, and the Geneva Science and Diplomacy Anticipator (GESDA). She has also served on numerous corporate boards, including Imperative Care, Exxon Mobil, General Mills, and Essilor. She is a past Co-Chair of the Asia Society and Women Corporate Directors.

Alice Albright has worked for more than 25 years in international development, development finance, and foreign-assistance reform, with leadership experience across public institutions, multilateral organizations, and global finance. As a Carnegie Distinguished Fellow at Columbia University's Institute of Global Politics, Albright is co-leading a task force on the future of foreign assistance. She also serves as a Commissioner on the Rockefeller Foundation's Commission on the Future of Foreign Assistance.

Most recently, Albright served as CEO of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, following her appointment by President Biden in 2021. In that role, she led a strategic refresh and helped secure bipartisan legislation that expanded the agency's footprint by 33 countries.

Earlier in her career, Albright served as CEO of the Global Partnership for Education. At GAVI, she helped pioneer innovative development finance mechanisms that mobilized more than \$10

billion for global vaccine access. She also served as COO of the U.S. Export-Import Bank and worked in international finance, principally at JP Morgan.

Albright serves on the Board of the National Democratic Institute and the Food Security Leadership Council, and has served on two G7 Gender Equality Advisory Councils. She has received honors from Williams College and the Heads of State of Senegal and Burkina Faso. She holds degrees from Williams College and Columbia University, is a Chartered Financial Analyst, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

PANEL OF ALIGNED ORGANIZATIONS

Alicia Dinerstein, representing the **AID Transition Alliance**, is a seasoned international development professional who spent over 26 years with USAID, serving in technical and leadership roles in nine missions across three continents, as well as at HQ. She focused on streamlining agency systems and strengthening leadership capacity. After retiring from the Senior Foreign Service in 2021, she spent two years as a counselor at the U.S. Department of State, helping staff transition to retirement or new careers.

Jackie Greene is Co-Founder and Director of Strategy at **LocalWorks Global**, where she leads organizational strategy and global network engagement and guides training, monitoring, evaluation, and learning. She brings more than three decades of international development experience, with expertise in locally led development, organizational development, and systems strengthening across diverse regions. At USAID, she co-authored the Local Capacity Strengthening Policy, supported work in conflict settings, and developed tools and training for co-creation and adaptive programming. She holds an M.A. in International Affairs from American University and a Certificate in Organization Development and B.S. in Japanese Language from Georgetown University.

Kristin O’Planick, with **AID on the Hill**, is a leading expert in private sector development and inclusive market systems, with 25 years of global experience. During 15 years at USAID, she designed and directed flagship global programs supporting food security and economic growth, managed strategic engagement with Cargill, and represented USAID in the Donor Committee for Enterprise Development. Throughout her career she mobilized coalitions, particularly around systems change approaches. A former Peace Corps Volunteer in Guinea, Kristin brings a blend of grassroots insight and strategic leadership. As the Grassroots and Engagement Manager, Kristin oversees programming that drives member engagement, builds grassroots community, and advances Aid on the Hill’s mission.

Laura Pavlovic, Co-Founder, **Our USAID Community** - *To be added*

Cate Klepacki, Co-Founder, **One AID Community** - *To be added*

VOICES FROM THE REGIONS (US & OVERSEAS) PANEL

Siena Fleischer, MODERATOR

Siena Fleischer is a Master in Public Administration candidate at Harvard Kennedy School (HKS) with 20 years of experience advancing education through international public service. As a USAID Foreign Service Officer, she led participatory development initiatives that centered youth, indigenous communities, and women as agents of change across Latin America, Asia, Africa, and Eastern Europe. Siena's leadership was defined by empowering young people to lead in their communities, from brokering trust-building processes with indigenous leaders in Guatemala's \$120M education and youth portfolio, to advancing gender inclusion in Nepal's national reading program, to strengthening rural livelihood diversification in Peru. She helped steward USAID's global research-to-practice ecosystems, including LASER PULSE, connecting university researchers with development practitioners to turn evidence into policy and programming. She holds a master's degree in Gender and Development from the Institute of Development Studies at the University of Sussex, a bachelor's degree from McGill University, and a Youth Diploma from FLACSO Ecuador. She leads HKS' Public Service Renewal Caucus and works to strengthen the connections between global development evidence and local practice – advancing education, digital access, and workforce opportunity for underserved communities abroad and in the United States. Siena is honored to be part of the inaugural American Service Fellowship cohort.

Roy Geiser, EASTERN STATES (Concord, New Hampshire)

Roy Geiser, a former USAID Foreign Service Officer, spent more than 15 years with USAID, serving as Program Director in the Dominican Republic; Deputy Program Director in El Salvador; Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning Lead in Senegal; and Program Officer in South Africa and Washington. Roy now moonlights as a Government-to-Government consultant advisor with the Department of State while pursuing a Master of Public Administration at the Harvard Kennedy School. He lives in Concord, New Hampshire with his wife and two sons and enjoys enthusiastically watching youth soccer and basketball games a bit too much.

Harriwan (Harry) Mahdi, USAID/Iraq former FSN

Harriwan (Harry) Mahdi is a former USAID executive with more than 17 years of experience leading democracy, governance, economic growth, and stabilization programs in fragile and conflict-affected settings. In Iraq, he managed a portfolio exceeding \$110 million and built high-impact partnerships with government institutions, donors, and civil society. His expertise includes program strategy, policy implementation, procurement, financial and contract oversight, and stakeholder engagement. Mahdi holds an MPA from the University of York and an Executive Education Certificate from Harvard Kennedy School.

Purvi P. Patel, MIDWEST (Chicago, Illinois)

Purvi Patel is an attorney and public health professional in the humanitarian and international development sectors who last served as a Foreign Service Humanitarian Assistance Officer in USAID's Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance. From 2013 to 2024, Purvi worked for the UN Refugee Agency, along with other NGOs and private sector actors, and as an International

Affairs Fellow in India through the Council on Foreign Relations. Purvi specializes in livelihoods, refugee protection, climate migration, monitoring & evaluation, and emergency response. She is currently adjunct faculty at Wheaton College's Humanitarian Disaster Institute in Illinois. As a private consultant, she has worked on consulting teams for Refugees International and the Center for Global Development to update their Global Refugee Right to Work Report, and for the US State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration to evaluate the Western Hemisphere Regional Migration Capacity Building Program for the, a project implemented by the International Organization for Migration in 12 countries. She also served twice as a consultant on Protection Information Management for the Danish Refugee Council, in Latin America and in Libya. Other past clients have included Asylum Access and the International Center for Migration Policy Development.

Jason Wolfe, WESTERN STATES (Seattle, Washington)

Jason Wolfe is a freelance technical advisor with 20 years of grantmaking and service delivery experience in almost 50 countries. Through prior posts with USAID (14 years), OGAC, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, he has been a thought leader in deploying economic strengthening, livelihoods, and social protection approaches to address structural drivers of vulnerability for people affected by HIV, orphans and other vulnerable children, adolescent girls and young women, and food-insecure households.