



USAID Alumni Association

October 2015 UAA Newsletter

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming UAA Events

Friday, October 9, 11:30 - 2:00 - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue - **Lester Brown** will speak about "**The Great Transition: Shifting from Fossil Fuels to Solar and Wind Energy**". In his long career, Brown, who founded and headed the WorldWatch Institute and the Earth Policy Institute, has focused on food production, population growth and climate change. Come hear him talk about his new book and his action plan for solving the climate change crisis.

Friday, October 23 - UAA Annual General Meeting. This year's theme: "**Building a new consensus for development and the role of foreign assistance**". If you have not done so, then please [click here to register for the AGM](#). Please scroll down for the full program.

Friday, December 4, 2015, 11:30-2:00 - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue - **Steven Radelet** will speak about his new book "**The Great Surge: The Ascent of the Developing World**." Radelet, former Chief Economist of USAID and currently Director of the Global Human Development Program at Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service, highlights the great progress made by the poor in recent decades and how to maintain the momentum.

New on USAIDalumni.org

- **Obituaries:** Several obituaries have been added to the [Tributes](#) page. The most recent obituaries (those appearing since the previous UAA Newsletter) are marked as "**New!**"
- In [Jobs and Volunteer Opportunities](#), there are several newly posted job offerings.
- To read **what UAA has been doing this past year and its plans for the future**, click [click here](#).
- In the [Forum](#), view information on increased payments "old" system FS and GS retirees may have to pay for Medicare Part B.
- The ever-popular [Where in the World](#) section of USAID transfers, promotions, retirements, etc. is now updated through September.
- In [Articles](#), read about 1) USAID's vision for ending extreme poverty; 2) the partisan conflict impeding the confirmation of a new USAID Administrator; 3) the counterproductivity of too much aid oversight; 4) a critique of the effectiveness of USAID programs in Pakistan; 5) an innovative technology that is

helping farmers in Africa; 6) a possibly missed opportunity to have rescued Warren Weinstein; 7) a "100 percent effective" pill to prevent AIDS; 8) leadership lessons from USAID; and 9) a proposal for an agency-wide review of USAID strengths and weaknesses.

- In the [Web Links](#) section, 1) listen to oral histories done by a number of USAID (and other agency) officers and 2) read a new development blog by the World Bank's Chief Economist.

Do you have news, an article or event you would like to share? Please send it to 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, Attn: Jobs/Volunteers.

The Foreign Affairs Retirees of New England (FARNE)

Charles Ahlgren reports that The Foreign Affairs Retirees of New England (FARNE) will hold its fall luncheon in Warwick, Rhode Island on October 16, 2015. Social hour at 11 followed by lunch at noon; cost is \$35. **Ambassador Richard Boucher**, who currently teaches diplomacy at Brown University, is the invited speaker. For more information, contact Charles Ahlgren at theahlgren@cox.net

2015 Annual General Meeting : Friday, October 23 2015

"Building a new consensus for development and the role of foreign assistance"

Venue: Center for Global Development

2055 L Street, Washington, DC 20036

Time: Registration/coffee/mingling from 8:15 to about 9:00, so please come early; our program begins at 9:15 sharp. Lunch is 12:45 to 2:00. We will end at 4:15.

AGM PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 23

"Building a new consensus for development and the role of foreign assistance."

The program will feature an introductory plenary panel on **"Bridging the Congressional-Executive Chasm: A conversation with Three Congressional Leaders,"** with **former Congressmen Howard Berman, Jim Kolbe and Matt McHugh, chaired by George Ingram (Brookings).**

Two concurrent panels will then focus on:

- **Creation of new legislation with a poverty focus - Alex Shakow**, moderator, with **Jack Sullivan** (New Directions legislation), **Chris Holmes** (Global Water Initiative), **Terry Peel** (DFA legislation).
- **Dealing with disaster - Diana Ohlbaum**, moderator, with **Andrew Natsios** (evolution of OFDA from a focus on disaster assistance to dealing with complex emergencies), **Bill Garvelink** (how OFDA's mitigation and prevention role facilitates the Feed the Future initiative), and **Jeremy Konyndyk** (OFDA and the agency response to Ebola).

The final panel after lunch will focus on **"Issues and Objectives that should shape**

USAID in the next administration," with **CGD President Nancy Birdsall**, CGD senior fellows **Ben Leo and Casey Dunning**, and key Congressional Staff **Les Munson and Tim Rieser**.

We will also hear from **USAID's Acting Administrator**, present this year's **Alumni Awards**, announce the results of the **Board election** - and still leave ample time for **socializing**.

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