



USAID Alumni Association

October 2018 UAA Newsletter

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming UAA Events

Thursday, October 11, 2018, at 2:00 pm - UAA Development Issues Committee meeting at the Pan American Development Foundation. Louise Fox, USAID's Chief Economist, will lead a discussion concerning the state of economics at USAID. See more information below.

Monday, October 15, 2018, 10:00 to Noon - Development Dialogue at DACOR. Address by **Larry Garber** on "**Zimbabwe Deja Vu: An International Observer Returns After 33 Years.**" Garber was the co-leader of the International Republican Institute/National Democratic Institute Zimbabwe International Election Observer Mission. He has worked on and written extensively about human rights, democracy and election monitoring for several decades.

Friday, October 26, 2018, 8:30 am - 4:00 pm - UAA Annual General Meeting at the Center for Global Development (CGD) in Washington, D.C. See information below.

Monday, November 5, 2018, 10:00 to Noon - UAA/DACOR Development Dialogue at DACOR. **Larry Cooley**, highly respected leader of the development community, MSI's founder and now President Emeritus, and current President of the Society for International Development, will speak on "**The Changing Role of International Development in Achieving Sustainable Outcomes at Scale.**"

New on USAIDalumni.org

- **Obituaries:** There are several new additions to the [In Memoriam](#) page.
- The [Job and Volunteer Opportunities](#) page has two new additions.
- In [Articles](#), read items on: 1) an experiment: take one of USAID's typical programs and test it against cash aid, 2) Power Africa given USG-wide recognition, 3) USAID at the UN General Assembly, 4) Trump threatens to end aid to "disloyal" countries, 5) more on the cash-only aid experiment, 6) Melania Trump's visit to USAID programs in four African countries, 7) World Bank use of Artificial Intelligence to fight hunger, 8) hunger as the major factor driving Guatemalan migration, 9) twelve things to agree on regarding global poverty, 10) the top 15 aid recipients in the 2019 request, and 11) why Mark Green is an optimist about USAID.
- There is one new item in the [Forum](#), a Brian Atwood piece on American Leadership on Development Cooperation.
- The [Bibliography of USAID Authors](#) has been updated and includes a number of intriguing additions.

- At a September [UAA Development Dialogue at DACOR](#), Ambassador Rick Barton and former Peace Corps Director Aaron Williams led a conversation focused on Rick's new book, 'Peace Works - America's Unifying Role in a Turbulent World'. [Click here for the audio of this event.](#)
- On the [Resources for UAA Mentors](#) page, two new items on USAID employee performance and evaluation have been added.

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.

7th Annual UAA Summer Picnic



Approximately 50 members gathered for the UAA annual picnic at Fort Hunt Park in Alexandria, VA on Saturday, September 8. The food tables were laden with scrumptious appetizers, meat dishes, sides, salads, and desserts provided by the members. Although we were prepared for rain with an overhead pavilion, the cool weather was perfect and the rainy drizzle held off until everyone was beginning to pack up at the end of the festivities. To make the event even better next year we can only encourage additional members to join the fun.



UAA Board members greet everyone to the annual picnic. 5 of the 7 Board members attended: Franklin Moore, Tish Butler, Nancy Tumavick, Chris Crowley and George Hill. John Heard and Barbara Seligman weren't able to attend.

2018 UAA Annual General Meeting

The 2018 UAA Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on **October 26, 2018, at the Center for Global Development (CGD)** headquarters on the 5th floor, 2055 L St, NW, Washington, DC. This year's meeting highlights include:

- A panel on USAID's role in the United States Government's response to fragile situations featuring USAID Counselor Tom Staal, Brigadier General (Ret) Tim McAteer, former Deputy Director, J5 Strategy and Plans at United States Africa Command (AFRICOM), and Patricia Haslach, former Ambassador and Principal Deputy Secretary of State;
- CGD's Charles Kenny interviewing John Norris, author of the UAA-funded history of USAID;
- A Dave Eckerson- facilitated conversation on the future of the UAA; and
- Comments by Ambassador Mark Green.

The [agenda](#) also includes alumni awards and time to catch up with old friends.

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 2018. Note that membership offers many UAA benefits, such as attendance at no cost to several social events throughout the year and the AGM, voting privileges to select Board members, nominating your friends and colleagues for the Alumni of the Year awards, and the opportunity to volunteer to help advance the UAA goals. If not a current member, you may choose to become a contributing member by clicking [here](#).

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

Please click [here](#) to read the UAA's 2018 Progress Report. Please click [here](#) to read the Draft Strategic Plan for 2018-2020 for which we welcome your comments

either before or during the AGM.

To defray catering costs there will be a fee of \$45 for noncontributing Alumni to attend the AGM.

USAID History Project

Our author John Norris continues to do the necessary research and to draft the initial chapters of the UAA-commissioned history of USAID's sixty years of development experience. Please come to the UAA Annual General Meeting to hear directly from John about how this project is going and issues that have arisen as he progresses through USAID's rich history. As you will see during the AGM agenda, on Friday, October 26, from 11:45 to 12:45, there will be a conversation between John and Charles Kenny, Senior Fellow, CGD about John's impressions thus far. Please bear in mind that John's contract calls for a completed manuscript by May 2019, so he still has a long way to go. This will be a great time to learn more about what is involved in this massive undertaking, made possible by the generosity of over 150 UAA members - we once again thank all who have contributed to this project. We hope to see you at the AGM!

UAA Development Issues Committee

The UAA Development Issues Committee will hold its first fall meeting on Thursday the 11th of October at 2:00 P.M. in the conference room of the Pan American Development Foundation, 1889 F Street, N.W. Our guest will be Louise Fox, Chief Economist at USAID who will lead us in a discussion on the state of economics at USAID. Please let Co-Chairs Steve Giddings (Sgiddings5@gmail.com) and Jim Fox (jameswfox@cox.net) know by the 10th of October if you will be able to attend what should be a lively discussion.

Newsletter schedule through 2018

The next and last newsletter for 2018 will be a combined November-December issue focused on a report of the Annual General Meeting. The newsletter will be sent to members on November 19.

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