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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid (ACVFA).

Date: Thursday, February 28, 2008 (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)

Location: National Press Club Ballroom, 529 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20045.

Please note that this is the anticipated agenda and is subject to change.

Keynote: Henrietta H. Fore, USAID Administrator and Director of United States Foreign Assistance, will speak on the Global Development Commons, including its role as a driver of development and the link between economic growth and democratic governance. She will also provide an update on USAID's response to the ACVFA working groups' recommendations.

Democratic Governance and Economic Growth: An examination of what has worked successfully in democratic governance and economic growth programs will be discussed in two parts. Particular attention will be paid to those programs that have been or could be successfully replicated in other countries.

Cutting Edge Partnerships: Carol Adelman, ACVFA Vice Chair, will lead a discussion with representatives from the corporate, foundation, and end user communities on innovative partnerships that have stimulated economic growth and promoted good democratic governance. Speakers include Lauren Moser Counts with Shorebank, Corey Griffin with Microsoft Corporation, Donald F. Terry with the Inter-American Development Bank, Jennifer Hodgson with WINGS Global Fund for Community Foundations and a representative from Global Giving.

USAID's Lessons Learned: Discussion of successes and challenges countries that attain both democracy and high economic growth, with a specific focus on USAID's contributions. Possible countries may include Costa Rica, India, Botswana, Chile, and Estonia. The discussion will be moderated by Ted Weihe, ACVFA member, and panelists will include Simeon Djankov, with the World Bank, Chad Evans with the Council on Competitiveness, Mary Ott with USAID's Office of Economic Growth, Mary Ryckman with the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and Dorothy Taft with USAID's Office of Democracy and Governance.

Global Knowledge Sharing for Development: Knowledge management tools, including the Global Development Commons, will be discussed as to how they could benefit the variety of actors in democratic governance and economic growth. The discussion will be moderated by Judith Hermanson, ACVFA member, and panelists will include Steve Gale with USAID and representatives from academia and web portals.

The meeting is free and open to the public. Persons wishing to attend the meeting can register online at http://www.usaid.gov/about_usaid/acvfa or with Jenny Chun of the Hill Group at hkim@thehillgroup.com or 301-897-2789 ext. 115 or with Jocelyn Rowe at jrowe@usaid.gov or 202-712-4002.

Dated: February 6, 2008.

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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development One Hundred and Fifty-Third Meeting; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the one hundred and fifty-third meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on February 27, 2008 at the National Press Club located at 529 14th St., NW., Washington, DC. The venue

will be the 1st Amendment Room which is located on the 13th floor of the National Press Club.

Dr. Robert Easter, Chairman of BIFAD will open the meeting. Dr. Easter is the Dean, College of Agriculture, Consumer and Environment Sciences at the University of Illinois. Dean Easter's appointment as Chairman was confirmed by the White House on January 21, 2008. Dean Easter has been serving as interim Chairman since April 30, 2007 when Mr. Peter McPherson, former USAID Administrator, resigned from the Board. The Board also welcomes two new members: Mr. H. H. Barlow III (Kentucky) and Mr. Keith Eckel (Pennsylvania). They will be sworn in by Jacqueline E. Schafer, Assistant Administrator for the Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade Bureau, USAID.

The morning session's topics will include presentations on the Global Summit on Higher Education and Development, and also the Global Development Commons as being initiated by USAID Administrator Henrietta H. Fore. Status Reports will be given on two of BIFAD's activities; the study on "Defining a Title XII Activity," and the Conference of Deans which is being planned for April 2008. There will be a general discussion focusing on Strategic Directions of BIFAD in 2008. Jacqueline E. Schafer will brief the Board on the President's 2009 budget and its impacts for agriculture programs.

Following the Board's executive luncheon (closed to the public) and the swearing-in of the new Board members BIFAD will be updated on the "Universities as Sub-Contractor's" issue and on USAID's approach for preparing the 2007 Title XII Report. Highlighting the afternoon session will be discussion with the Office of Agriculture on planning actions for two new CRSPs (Global Horticulture and Global Livestock-Climate Change). BIFAD committee actions will also be discussed; including updates by Ray Miller, Chair of BIFAD's new special Task Force and Sandra Russo, Chair of BIFAD's sub-committee Strategic Partnership for Agricultural Research and Education (SPARE).

SPARE-Special Notice: The SPARE committee will hold its next meeting on February 26, 2008. It will begin at 1:30 p.m. The meeting venue is in the multi-purpose conference room located on the