



U.S. House of Representatives

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM Original Amendment

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from a private source for travel taken in connection with a Member or officer's official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the Member or officer's annual *Financial Disclosure Statement*. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, **you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

1. Name of Traveler: Emilia Strong Sykes
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Kevin Boyce OR None
- b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: June 24, 2023 Return: June 29, 2023
- b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Tanzania Return City: Cleveland, OH
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: United Nations Foundation

6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):

Meetings and events, as detailed in the agenda (attached), included engagements to discuss health, development, conservation, economic, and natural resource management goals and issues shared between our two nations. These engagements were with American, Tanzanian, various NGO, and UN senior leaders.

7. Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
  - a.  a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - b.  the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all attachments and the Additional Sponsor Form(s)**;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the Member or officer; **and**
  - d.  the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
8. a.  I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. **Signify statement is true by checking the box.**
- b. If not, explain:

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**I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.** I have determined that all of the expenses on the attached *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form* were necessary and that the travel was in connection with my duties as a Member or officer of the U.S. House of Representatives and would not create the appearance that I am using public office for private gain.

Member / Officer Signature:

Date: 07/12/2023





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## TRAVELER FORM


This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. **This form and any attachments may be delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth or e-mailed to [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).**

**Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date.** Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Emilia Strong Sykes

NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.

I certify that the information contained on both pages of this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): \_\_\_\_\_

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): \_\_\_\_\_

Office Address: 1217 Longworth House Office Building

Telephone Number: 202-225-6265

Email Address of Contact Person: kathryn.mitchell@mail.house.gov

Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, and these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

**KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM.** Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

If there are any questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or via e-mail: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).



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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Emilia Strong Sykes

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:  
United Nations Foundation

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel : Dar es Salaam and Iringa, Tanzania

4. a. Date of Departure: June 24, 2023 Date of Return: June 29, 2023

b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: \_\_\_\_\_

5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**

(1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: Kevin Boyce

(2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age:

6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?

b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:

7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.

*NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.*

8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties.  
**Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**

As a Member of Congress, this travel will further my understanding of how the U.S. works with the UN and other international partners to achieve shared health, development, and conservation goals, as well related economic and natural resource management issues which may be of interest to the constituents of Ohio's 13th Congressional District and are relevant to my service on the Water Resources and Environment Subcommittee.

9. Yes  No  **Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**

10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

Signature of Employing Member \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_





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## PRIMARY TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by private entities offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. A completed copy of the form (and any attachments) should be provided to each invited House Member, officer, or employee, who will then forward it to the Committee together with a *Traveler Form* at least 30 days before the start date of the trip. The trip sponsor should NOT submit the form directly to the Committee. The Committee website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:  
United Nations Foundation
2.  I represent that the trip will not be financed, in whole or in part, by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent. Signify that the statement is true by checking box.
3. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a.  The primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source, funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip: **OR**
  - b.  The trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds: **OR**
  - c.  The primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.  
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors:  
Eleanor Crook Foundation
4. Provide names and titles of ALL House Members and employees you are inviting. For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited (include additional pages if necessary):  
Please see attached.
5. Yes  No  Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: June 24, 2023 Date of return: June 29, 2023
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC  
b. Destination(s): Dar es Salaam and Iringa, Tanzania  
c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. **Check only one.** I represent that:
  - a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
  - b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
  - c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event and lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. **Check only one of the following:**
  - a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following:**

a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify that the statement is true by checking box; OR*

b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
Please see attached.

13. **Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary:**

a. Mode of travel: Air  Rail  Bus  Car  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

b. Class of travel: Coach  Business  First  Charter  Other  (specify: \_\_\_\_\_)

c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:  
Please see attached.

14.  I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*

15. **Check only one.** I represent that either:

a.  The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**

b.  The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation.

If "b" is checked:

1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided):  
\$75.00

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:  
Please see attached.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam City: Dar es Salaam Cost Per Night: \$195

Reason(s) for Selecting: Favorable rate and location.

Hotel Name: Ruaha River Lodge City: Ruaha Cost Per Night: \$189

Reason(s) for Selecting: Favorable location and limited lodging options.

Hotel Name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost Per Night: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason(s) for Selecting: \_\_\_\_\_

17.  I represent that all expenses connected to the trip will be for actual costs incurred and not a per diem or lump sum payment. *Signify that the statement is true by checking the box.*





18. Total Expenses for each Participant:

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$13,500	\$579	\$300
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$13,500	\$30	\$300

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$50; \$200; \$75	Tanzania visa; translation services; aerial briefing
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$50; \$200; \$75	Tanzania visa; translation services; aerial briefing


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19. Check only one:

- a.  I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below; **OR**
- b.  Not Applicable. Trip sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify by my signature that

- a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
- b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent; and
- c. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: 4/9/23  
 Name: Peter Yeo Title: Senior Vice President  
 Organization: United Nations Foundation  
 Address: 1750 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20006  
 Email: pyeo@unfoundation.org Telephone: 202-887-9040

### INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

**For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:**



### ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips.**

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: United Nations Foundation
2. Name of your organization: Eleanor Crook Foundation
3. Yes  No  Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes  No  Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. **Check one.** I certify that my organization:
  - a.  Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
  - b.  Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to  
Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ on Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
  - c.  Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (e.g., meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. **Check only one:**
  - a.  My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
  - b.  My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. I certify by my signature that
  - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
  - b. I am not a registered federal lobbyist or registered foreign agent;
  - c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
  - d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Kimberly Cernak Date: 5/19/23

Name: Kimberly Cernak Title: Managing Director

Organization: Eleanor Crook Foundation

Address: 1049 30th St NW, Washington DC 20036

Email: kim@eleanorcrookfoundation.org Telephone: 202-834-0207





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## SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. **A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within ten days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House rules and the Committee's travel regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001.**

- Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: United Nations Foundation
- Travel Destination(s): Dar es Salaam and Iringa, Tanzania
- Date of Departure: June 24, 2023 Date of Return: June 29, 2023
- Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Emilia Sykes and Kevin Boyce

**Note:** You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

- Actual amount of expenses paid on behalf of, or reimbursed to, each individual named in Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Total Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$11,640.49	\$599	\$196.80	\$50 (Tanzania visa), \$166 (aerial briefing), \$95 (field drive)
Accompanying Family Member	\$11,808.73	\$30	\$196.80	\$50 (Tanzania visa), \$166 (aerial briefing), \$95 (field drive)

- All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature:  Date: July 7, 2023

Name: Peter Yeo Title: Senior Vice President

Organization: United Nations Foundation

I am an officer of the above-named organization. *Signify statement is true by checking box.*

Address: 1750 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20006

Email: pyeo@unfoundation.org Telephone: 202-887-9040

*Committee staff may contact the above-named individual if additional information is required.*

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.



Michael Guest, Mississippi  
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1015 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515-6328  
Telephone: (202) 225-7103  
Facsimile: (202) 225-7392

June 15, 2023

The Honorable Emilia Strong Sykes  
U.S. House of Representatives  
1217 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your spouse's proposed trip to Tanzania,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for June 24 to 29, 2023, sponsored by United Nations Foundation and Eleanor Crook Foundation.

You must complete a Member/Officer Post-Travel Disclosure Form and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. You must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$480 from a single source on the "Travel" schedule of your annual Financial Disclosure Statement covering this calendar year. Finally, Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting information provided to the Committee for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

Because the trip may involve meetings with foreign government representatives, we note that House Members may accept, under the Foreign Gifts and Decorations Act (FGDA), gifts "of minimal value [currently \$480] tendered as a souvenir or mark of courtesy" by a foreign government. Any tangible gifts valued in excess of minimal value received from a foreign government must, within 60 days of acceptance, be disclosed on a Form for Disclosing Gifts from Foreign Governments and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> Please be aware that the Committee's review of the proposed trip does not extend to either the security situation in the destination country or security related to foreign travel in general. We recommend you contact the Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at <https://step.state.gov>.

If you have any further questions, please contact the Committee's Office of Advice and Education at extension 5-7103.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The letters are cursive and somewhat stylized.

Michael Guest  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is highly stylized and cursive.

Susan Wild  
Ranking Member

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**UN Foundation Learning Trip to Tanzania (June 24-29, 2023)**  
**Answers to Primary Trip Sponsor Form Questions 4, 12, 13c, and 15b2**

**4. Names and titles of all House invitees and explanation of why the individual was invited:**

The following members of Congress have been invited to participate in this learning trip to Tanzania because they serve on committees, subcommittees, or have interests related to U.S. foreign policy, U.S.-UN relations, global health, food security/nutrition, sustainable development, biodiversity, conservation, and/or related issues.

Rep. Colin Allred  
Rep. Jim Baird  
Rep. Nanette Diaz Barragán  
Rep. Cliff Bentz  
Rep. Ami Bera  
Rep. Tim Burchett  
Rep. Yadira Caraveo  
Rep. Jerry Carl  
Rep. Andre Carson  
Rep. Ed Case  
Rep. Joaquin Castro  
Rep. Lori Chavez-DeRemer  
Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick  
Rep. Gerald Connolly  
Rep. Jim Costa  
Rep. Jason Crow  
Rep. Madeleine Dean  
Rep. John Duarte  
Rep. Chuck Fleischmann  
Rep. Lois Frankel  
Rep. Dan Goldman  
Rep. Mark Green  
Rep. Raul Grijalva  
Rep. French Hill  
Rep. Jared Huffman  
Rep. Bill Huizenga  
Rep. Darrell Issa  
Rep. Jonathan Jackson  
Rep. Sara Jacobs  
Rep. John James  
Rep. Sydney Kamlager-Dové  
Rep. Thomas Kean  
Rep. William Keating  
Rep. Jen Kiggans  
Rep. Young Kim  
Rep. Andy Kim

Rep. Darin LaHood  
Rep. Jake LaTurner  
Rep. Mike Lawler  
Rep. Barbara Lee  
Rep. Summer Lee  
Rep. Julia Letlow  
Rep. Ted Lieu  
Rep. Kathy Manning  
Rep. Brian Mast  
Rep. Rich McCormick  
Rep. Grace Meng  
Rep. Marc Molinaro  
Rep. Nathaniel Moran  
Rep. Jared Moskowitz  
Rep. Dan Newhouse  
Rep. Jimmy Panetta  
Rep. Chellie Pingree  
Rep. Guy Reschenthaler  
Rep. Maria Salazar  
Rep. Andrew Salinas  
Rep. Brad Schneider  
Rep. Keith Self  
Rep. Melanie Stansbury  
Rep. Greg Stanton  
Rep. Chris Stewart  
Rep. Emilia Sykes  
Rep. Shri Thanedar  
Rep. Dina Titus  
Rep. Jill Tokuda  
Rep. Ann Wagner  
Rep. Michael Waltz  
Rep. Susan Wild  
Rep. Derrick Van Orden

**12. Description of the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:**

The UN Foundation (UNF) works to educate all Americans, including the U.S. Congress, on the importance of a strong U.S.-UN relationship. Over the course of this trip, the delegation will meet with several high-level UN and U.S. officials, offering policymakers an opportunity to learn more about how the UN is working to prevent, detect, and treat acute malnutrition; promote improved development and health outcomes; and support and strengthen biodiversity and wildlife conservation efforts across Africa's 5th largest country.

The Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF) was founded in 1997 with a single goal: to eradicate global malnutrition. ECF invests in research that proves what methods work, policy analysis to



drive systems reform, and advocacy that makes the case for urgent action to address this global crisis. In 2017, the Foundation pledged \$100 million towards the elimination of global malnutrition.

UNF is organizing all aspects of the program/logistics. UNF handles all outreach to congressional offices and is the contact for planning purposes. UNF received a grant from ECF to partially support this trip. ECF has not played any role in organizing this trip and has not been involved in the selection or invitation of the trip participants.

**13c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:**

Roundtrip travel from Dar es Salaam to Ruaha National Park/Iringa will be via chartered flights, operated by Auric Air Services Limited. Given the size of the delegation, reaching these destinations is not possible via commercial means and severe logistical constraints on the ground render charter travel the only way to accommodate the travelers' schedule for these trip events.

**15b2. Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:**

Sustained by steady economic growth over the past 20 years, Tanzania has made significant progress in social and human development. This progress, however, has been unequal. Agriculture has long been the country's most dominant foreign exchange earner and while the national industry produces enough food to feed its population, the poorest and most marginalized families have limited access to it. As a result, although Tanzania has seen a gradual decline in malnutrition, its overall malnutrition rates are still above the African average, with nearly 32% of children suffering from chronic malnutrition and 3.5% affected by severe acute malnutrition. With a growing population—and the compounding impacts of inadequate access to health services and poor feeding practices among many rural communities—the absolute number of undernourished people in Tanzania is increasing.

Tanzania is also among the world's most biodiverse countries, home to one third of all total plant species and 20% of the large mammal species in Africa. These unique assets have propelled nature-based tourism to become Tanzania's second-largest foreign exchange earner and made the country's rich wildlife and remote landscapes a critical economic diversification instrument, amounting to 9% of its GDP. Rapid population growth, rural poverty, competition for land, deforestation, wildlife poaching, and other negative human activities and conditions, however, have seriously endangered Tanzania's robust biodiversity, with the country losing approximately one third of its important ecosystems over the last several decades. The Government of Tanzania, the UN, and USAID have committed significant resources to addressing this problem and are working towards ambitious national targets for biodiversity conservation. The country, however, faces a complex challenge of balancing locally led approaches to biodiversity conservation with the imperative to generate employment and diversify incomes.

Over the course of three and a half days, the delegation will examine the key drivers of these interconnected challenges up close, meeting with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Republic of Tanzania, the UN Resident Coordinator, UN Country Team, U.S. Embassy, and

visiting site projects in Dar es Salaam, Ruaha National Park, and Iringa to better understand how the UN is working with the Government of Tanzania and the U.S. to improve nutritional outcomes for its most vulnerable populations, promote inclusive economic growth in rural communities, strengthen national biodiversity conservation efforts, and invest in locally-led natural resource management initiatives.





**Agenda for UNF Congressional Learning Trip to Tanzania  
June 24-29, 2023**

**-- FOR REP. SYKES --**

**\*\*All Times Local\*\*  
+7 hours from Washington, DC**

**Saturday, June 24 --- Travel**

*Attire: Casual.*

10:55am Depart Dulles International Airport (IAD) on Emirates 232  
*Flight time 13h 10m*

**Sunday, June 25 --- Travel/Dar es Salaam**

*Attire: Casual/Business Casual.*

8:05am Arrive Dubai International Airport (DXB)  
*Layover 1h 25m*

9:30am Depart DXB on Emirates 725  
*Flight time 5h 25m*

1:55pm Arrive Julius Nyerere International Airport, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania (DAR)

2:30pm – 3:15pm Travel via hired car to Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro

3:15pm – 3:30pm Check-in to Hyatt Regency Dar Es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro

3:30pm – 5:30pm Executive Time

5:30pm – 6:00pm **UN Department of Safety and Security and U.S. Regional Security Office Briefing**

The delegation will receive a briefing from the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) and the U.S. Embassy Regional Security Office (RSO). The two offices will detail the current political and security situation in Tanzania and provide guidance on any safety protocols that must be adhered to during the course of the learning trip.

*Location: Lake Victoria 1 conference room, Mezzanine Level  
Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro*

6:00pm – 7:30pm **Working Dinner with Ms. Christine Musisi, UN Resident Coordinator in Tanzania a.i. (and UNDP Resident Representative in Tanzania) and Shabnam Mallick, Head of Resident Coordinator's Office**

The delegation will have a working dinner with Ms. Christine Musisi, UN Resident Coordinator a.i. and Shabnam Mallick, Head of Resident Coordinator's Office to discuss the UN in Tanzania's major nutrition, health, development, and conservation work in preparation for the week's programming, as well as how the UN in Tanzania is Delivering as One. We will, additionally, review the agenda and clarify any outstanding questions.

*Location: Palm Brasserie, Ground Floor  
Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro*

Overnight                      Hyatt Regency Dar Es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro  
24 Kivukoni Rd, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania  
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### **Monday, June 26 — Dar Es Salaam**

*Attire: Business.*

7:30am – 8:15am              Breakfast at the hotel (ground floor)

8:15am – 9:00am              Transit via hired car to UN in Tanzania Office

9:00am – 11:00am            **Meeting with UN Country Team**

The delegation will meet with the UN Country Team to contextualize issues related to food security, sustainable development, and biological diversity, and to provide a general overview of how the UN is partnering with the Government of Tanzania and the U.S. to prevent, detect, and treat acute malnutrition; promote improved development and health outcomes; and support and strengthen wildlife conservation efforts.

*Location: UN in Tanzania Office, PSSSF Commercial Complex 66C9+76Q*

11:00am – 11:15am          Transit via hired car to Slipway Shopping Center

11:15am – 12:00pm          Executive Time

12:00pm – 12:15pm          Transit via hired car to Sea Cliff Hotel

12:15pm – 2:00pm            **Working Lunch with Ms. Veeraya (Kate) Somvongsiri,  
USAID/Tanzania Mission Director, and USAID Mission Management  
Team**

The delegation will have a working lunch with Ms. Veeraya (Kate) Somvongsiri, USAID/Tanzania Mission Director, and the USAID Mission Management Team to learn how USAID is working with the Government of Tanzania and the UN to fight malnutrition through a multi-sectoral approach, including aligning efforts to address both direct (nutrition-specific) and underlying (nutrition-sensitive) causes of malnutrition across the country.

Tanzania is a USAID Nutrition Priority Country (NPC), prioritized for support and investment with the goal of improving nutrition to save lives, enhance cognitive and physical development, build resilience, increase economic productivity, and advance development.

Tanzania was also among eight countries selected as new Feed the Future targets in June 2022 and was prioritized based on a combination of underlying food insecurity, poverty, and malnutrition, including impacts from Russia's invasion of Ukraine, as well as the opportunity—and each government's commitment—to tackle these deep-rooted issues in partnership with the U.S. Feed the Future programming responds to each country's level of need and harnesses the power of agriculture to drive economic growth and transform food systems in the country and the region.

In preparation for their visit to Ruaha National Park, the delegation will be further briefed on how USAID and its partners are working to conserve threatened wildlife habitats in Tanzania and reduce poaching of iconic wildlife species, while concurrently addressing underlying challenges that threaten these efforts such as pervasive rural poverty and unsustainable natural resource management practices.

*Location: Kaskazi Lounge, Karambezi Café, Sea Cliff Hotel*

2:00pm – 2:30pm	Transit via hired car to Hyatt Regency Dar Es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro
2:30pm – 3:00pm	Executive Time
3:00pm – 4:30pm	<b>Roundtable with Tanzania-based Conservation NGOs, Led by Ms. Jill Barasa, Africa Regional Director, International Caucus Conservation Foundation (ICCF)</b>

The delegation will meet with a collection of NGOs (listed below) to discuss conservation challenges in Tanzania and how civil society organizations are working to advance legislative priorities and public awareness initiatives designed to enhance the protection of the country's natural landscapes and wildlife and ensure that Tanzania becomes a regional leader in natural resource management and sustainable development.

Invited NGOs:

- The Nature Conservancy
- Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS)
- African Wildlife Foundation
- Western Indian Ocean Marine Science Association
- Wildlife Conservation Society Tanzania
- World Wildlife Fund
- Jane Goodall Institute
- Conservation International Rainforest Trust



- Tanzania Forest Conservation Group (TFCG)

*Location: Lake Victoria 1 conference room, Mezzanine Level  
Hyatt Regency Dar es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro*

- 4:30pm – 6:50pm Executive Time
- 6:50pm – 7:00pm Transit via hired car to Jahazi (Dar es Salaam Serena Hotel)
- 7:00pm – 8:30pm **Working Dinner with Ms. Christine Musisi, UNDP Resident Representative in Tanzania; Dr. Nyabenyi Tipote, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Representative in Tanzania; Ms. Clara Makenya, Head, UN Environment Office (UNEP) in Tanzania; Mr. Ousmane Niang, UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) Deputy Representative, Programmes; Designated Officer-in-Charge, World Food Programme (WFP)**

The delegation will have a working dinner with UN colleagues from various agencies, funds, and programmes with relevant health, nutrition, and biodiversity remits. The delegation will learn how the UN is supporting the Government of Tanzania in addressing malnutrition and food security while fortifying natural resource management practices and conservation efforts by enabling the government to strengthen its own response mechanisms, synchronizing evidence-based advocacy, enhancing resource mobilization, providing credible policy advice, and deploying technical expertise.

*Location: Jahazi (Dar es Salaam Serena Hotel)*

- 8:30pm – 8:40pm Transit via hired car to Hyatt Regency Dar Es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro
- Overnight Hyatt Regency Dar Es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro  
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**Tuesday, June 27 — Dar es Salaam/Travel/Ruaha National Park**  
*Attire: Field Dress.*

- 5:15am – 6:00am Continental breakfast and check-out of hotel (leave large luggage with porter)
- 6:00am – 6:30am Transit via hired car to DAR (Terminal 1)
- 6:30am Check-in for flight
- 7:00am Depart DAR on Auric Air Charter Flight  
*Flight time 1h 15m*
- 8:15am Arrive Msembe Airstrip (Ruaha National Park, Iringa)

- 8:15am – 8:25am Break
- 8:25am – 8:30am Transit via hired car to Ruaha National Park, Head Office
- 8:30am – 9:30am **Meeting with Mr. Godwell Ole Meingataki, Chief Park Warden of Ruaha National Park**
- In preparation for the day’s programming, the delegation will meet with Mr. Godwell Ole Meingataki, Chief Park Warden of Ruaha National Park to learn about the history of wildlife poaching and multi-dimensional environmental threats in the Ruaha-Rungwa ecosystem and how the Park was supported by UNDP via the “Strengthening the Protected Area Network in Southern Tanzania” (SPANEST) Project.
- SPANEST was designed to address several issues related to protected areas’ management in Tanzania and to increase the effectiveness of the Tanzania National Park Authority’s capacity to protect biodiversity and provide for the long-term ecological, social, and financial sustainability of the system, as well as reduce anthropogenic pressures on the sites. SPANEST, among many other initiatives, included the deployment of technical support that reduced barriers in national park management structures, the establishment of new anti-poaching and law enforcement park ranger trainings; upgrades in physical resources and park infrastructure, and the allocation of anti-poaching radar monitoring equipment and digital communication tools.
- Location: Ruaha National Park, Head Office*
- 9:30am – 10:00am **Meeting with Wildlife and Environmental Conservation Communities and Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) Participants**
- The delegation will meet with community leaders who are participating in Tanzania’s Wildlife Management Areas program. WMAs are a 5-year project led by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Tourism, with support from UNDP and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), designed to combat poaching and the illegal wildlife trade by increasing a sense of wildlife ownership and shared natural resource responsibility among the local populations. The delegation will learn how WMAs have helped increase involvement of local communities in wildlife enforcement and monitoring activities, which has, in turn, led to a reduction in natural resource degradation-based conflict and improved opportunities for non-intrusive income generating activities.
- Location: Ruaha National Park, Head Office*
- 10:00am – 10:15am Transit via hired car to Msembe Airstrip and board Tanzania National Parks Aircraft
- 10:15am – 11:15am **Ruaha National Park Aerial Briefing, Conducted by Mr. Godwell Ole Meingataki, Chief Park Warden of Ruaha National Park**

The delegation will receive an aerial briefing, which will highlight the size, scope, and scale of the park and UN-supported efforts to combat poaching and the illegal wildlife trade, while protecting vulnerable habitats and water access points from cattle grazing and other detrimental human activities.

Ruaha National Park is located just south of the central midpoint of Tanzania and encompasses an area of 7,809 square miles (roughly the size of Massachusetts), making it the second largest national park in Tanzania and one of the largest in Africa. Ruaha's landscape is one of Tanzania's most important conservation areas, harboring 10% of all lions left in the world and the 2nd largest global elephant population. Ruaha-Rungwa is also one of three historically active poaching sites in Tanzania and for many decades has driven a large component of Tanzania's illegal wildlife trade.

The Great Ruaha River, in addition, is the lifeblood of the surrounding savanna, providing a crucial source of freshwater that helps sustain the region. However, unsustainable agriculture and long droughts have dried up the river in recent years, leaving wildlife and plant species parched during the dry season. Despite its natural assets, the park typically only receives 20,000 tourists annually (as opposed to the 350,000 that visit Serengeti), indicating there is a clear potential to increase local income from wildlife-based tourism in the region.

- 11:15am Return to Msembe Airstrip
- 11:15am – 12:00pm Transit via hired car to Ruaha River Lodge
- 12:00pm – 1:30pm **Working Lunch with Mr. Patrick Codjia, Chief of Nutrition, UNICEF in Tanzania; and Stella Kimambo, FAO Food and Security Officer, FAO in Tanzania**
- The delegation will have a working lunch with UNICEF and FAO nutrition experts to learn about the overall nutrition profile of the region and how the local and regional government is partnering with the UN to achieve improved health outcomes.
- Location: Kopje Dining Room, Ruaha River Lodge*
- 1:30pm – 2:00pm Check-in to hotel (all guests must be escorted to their rooms by Maasai)
- 2:00pm – 4:00pm Executive Time
- 4:00pm – 6:30pm **Conservation Field Drive and Expert Briefing**
- The delegation will receive an expert field briefing from Ruaha National Park Rangers and/or Ruaha National Park Conservation Officers. During the drive, the delegation will learn about various conservation projects, including UNDP's ongoing "Combating Poaching and the Illegal Wildlife Trade in



Tanzania through an Integrated Approach” Project and its impact on Ruaha conservation and anti-poaching efforts.

The UNDP Project, which is being conducted in partnership with the Government of Tanzania and is planned to be operational from 2019-2024, aims to increase the number of inspections/patrols, seizures, arrests and prosecutions of poachers and illegal wildlife traders on national and regional levels by 50% by 2024, and significantly increase benefits for local communities from community-based wildlife and natural resource management. These efforts, it’s estimated, will reduce the rate of lion and elephant poaching by 90% across the Ruaha-Rungwa ecosystem.

*Location: Ruaha National Park*

6:30pm – 7:00pm Return to Ruaha River Lodge, Riverside Dining Room/Prepare for Dinner

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Working Dinner with Ms. Halima Dendego, Iringa Regional Commissioner**

The delegation will have a working dinner with Ms. Halima Dendego, Iringa Regional Commissioner to learn about the nutrition profile of the Iringa Region and its related health challenges.

*Location: Riverside Dining Room, Ruaha River Lodge*

Overnight Ruaha River Lodge  
Ruaha National Park  
Ruaha, Tanzania  
+255 784 237 422

*Please note: The electricity at Ruaha River Lodge is only on from 6:00am-7:00am; 10:00am-1:00pm; and 6:30pm-10:30pm. Wifi is available while the electricity is on and only accessible in the dining area.*

### **Wednesday, June 28 — Ruaha/Tungamalenga Village/Dar es Salaam**

*Attire: Field Dress/Casual.*

6:30am – 7:15am Breakfast at the hotel (please have luggage packed and leave on front porch)

7:15am – 8:00am Transit via hired car to Tungamalenga Village, Idodi ward, Iringa Rural District Council

8:00am Arrive Tungamalenga Village

8:00am – 10:00am **Village Health and Nutrition Day Visit (VHND), Organized by UNICEF and FAO**

The delegation will partake in Tungamalenga’s Village Health and Nutrition Day, organized by UNICEF and FAO. Village Health and Nutrition Days are

hosted quarterly by village and ward level authorities, in close collaboration with Community Health Workers and nearby health facilities to offer people living in rural areas easier access to integrated health and nutrition services. VHND's emphasize the importance of monitoring growth and weight gain by screening the nutritional status of children under age 5 to identify those who are stunted or underweight. Children who are found to be severely malnourished are referred to health facilities for treatment. Children also access services like deworming, immunizations, and Vitamin A supplements.

Additional UN-supported health interventions include complementary healthy food cooking demonstrations, counseling sessions for parents and caregivers on the importance of child stimulation and socialization, birth registration, and preventive services for pregnant women. Activities during Tungamalenga's VHND will help develop a report on nutrition status of participating children and a plan of action. The delegation will meet with village and community leaders, local participants, health workers, and be briefed by UNICEF and FAO staff on the health and nutrition challenges in Tungamalenga Village and the larger Iringa region.

*Location: Tungamalenga Village*

- 10:00am – 11:00am Transit via hired car to Ruaha River Lodge
- 11:00am – 11:45am Lunch and check-out of hotel
- 11:45am – 12:15pm Transit via hired car to Msembe Airstrip
- 12:15pm – 12:30pm Prepare for departure
- 12:30pm Depart Iringa on Auric Air Charter Flight  
*Flight time 1h 15m*
- 1:45pm Arrive DAR (Terminal 1)
- 1:45pm – 2:30pm Transit via hired car to U.S. Embassy in Tanzania
- 2:30pm – 3:30pm **Meeting with U.S. Country Team**

The delegation will meet with the U.S. Country Team to discuss U.S.-Tanzania relations and provide an overview of bilateral and multilateral support for nutrition, development, and conservation efforts in Tanzania.

*Location: U.S. Embassy in Tanzania, 686 Old Bagamoyo Road*

- 3:30pm – 4:30pm **Security and Defense Discussion with U.S. Embassy**

The delegation will discuss security and defense issues with U.S. Embassy colleagues, joined by Mr. Robert Adrian Raines, Deputy Chief of Mission. This meeting is for Members only.

*Location: U.S. Embassy in Tanzania, 686 Old Bagamoyo Road*

4:30pm – 4:45pm Transit via hired car to Hyatt Regency Dar Es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro

4:45pm – 6:30pm **Executive Time/Pickup Luggage**

*Location: Hyatt Regency Dar Es Salaam, The Kilimanjaro*

6:30pm – 7:00pm Transit via hired car to Cape Town Fish Market

7:00pm – 9:30pm **Working Dinner Debrief with UN Country Team**

The delegation will have a working dinner with UN colleagues to discuss lessons learned, post-learning trip follow-up, and potential opportunities for continued engagement and coordination with the U.S. Congress and the UN in Tanzania.

*Location: Cape Town Fish Market, 180 Msasani Bay*

9:30pm – 10:00pm Transit via hired car to DAR

10:00pm Check-in for flight

11:50pm Depart DAR on Air France 876  
Flight time 9h 05m

#### **Thursday, June 29 --- Travel**

*Attire: Casual.*

7:55am Arrive Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG)  
*Layover 2h 45m*

10:40am Depart CDG on Delta 97  
*Flight time 8h 50m*

1:30pm Arrive Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County (DTW)

4:00pm Depart DTW on Delta 5420  
*Flight time 55m*

4:55pm Arrive Cleveland Hopkins International (CLE)