

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, 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: Lauren Underwood
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: Darla Underwood **OR** None
b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): Parent
3. a. Dates: Departure: 1/23/2026 Return: 1/30/2026
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Ghana and Togo Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: United Nations Foundation and Eleanor Crook Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary): _____
The trip delegation met with UN resident coordinators, UNF leaders, conservation and wildlife experts, nutrition and food researchers, nonprofit organizations, U.S. Embassy officials, and representatives from the Governments of Togo and Ghana. Agenda attached for full details.
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: _____

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: 02/13/2026

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

Original Amendment

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 in the trip within 10 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.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: United Nations Foundation

2. Travel Destination(s): Accra, Ghana; Tamale, Ghana; and Lome, Togo

3. Date of Departure: January 23, 2026 Date of Return: January 30, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Rep. Lauren Underwood and Mrs. Darla Underwood

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

5. **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	\$16,842.66	\$1,961.00	\$508.18	\$200 - Ghana visa \$44.34 - Togo visa \$189.43 - Translators \$64.94 - Protocol \$21.81 - Entry fees
Accompanying Family Member	\$16,842.66	\$1,961.00	\$508.18	\$200 - Ghana visa \$44.34 - Togo visa \$189.43 - Translators \$64.94 - Protocol \$21.81 - Entry fees

6. 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: February 6, 2026

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

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

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.

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Lauren Underwood
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: United Nations Foundation and Eleanor Crook Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Togo and Ghana
4. a. Date of Departure: 1/23/2026 Date of Return: 1/30/2026
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: Darla Underwood
 - (2) Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): Parent
 - (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, invitation, 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 the Appropriations Committee and leader in health and agriculture policy, this trip will help inform my understanding of global health issues in the region and how the U.S. has been contributing to multilateral efforts to improve food security, nutrition, and economic development.
9. **Yes No Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in 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's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

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, services, or in-kind assistance 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: January 23, 2026 Date of Return: January 30, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Accra, Ghana; Tamale, Ghana; Lome, Togo

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 the statement is true by clicking the 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.
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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.
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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 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): \$100
 - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Please see attached.
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name:	<u>Zaina Lodge</u>	City:	<u>Mole National Park, Ghana</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$200</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>Favorable rate and location.</u>				
Hotel Name:	<u>Kempinski Hotel</u>	City:	<u>Accra, Ghana</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$497</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>Favorable rate and location.</u>				
Hotel Name:	<u>Hotel 2 Fevrier</u>	City:	<u>Lome, Togo</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$189</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>Favorable rate and location.</u>				

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	\$15,500	\$1,961	\$500
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$15,500	\$0	\$500


	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	\$260; \$40; \$50; \$250	Ghana visa; Togo visa, conservation activities/entrance fees; translator costs
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$260; \$40; \$50; \$250	Ghana visa; Togo visa, conservation activities/entrance fees; translator costs

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: Dec. 16, 2025
 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

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

**UN Foundation Congressional Learning Trip to Ghana and Togo
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 individuals have been invited to participate in this learning trip to Ghana and Togo because they work on issues related to U.S. foreign policy, U.S.-Africa relations, international development, agriculture, nutrition, global health, international organizations, and/or associated subjects.

Rep. Young Kim
Rep. Mike Flood
Rep. Joe Neguse
Rep. Haley Stevens
Rep. Maria Salazar
Rep. George Latimer
Rep. Bill Huizenga
Rep. Troy Downing
Rep. Josh Gottheimer
Rep. Cleo Fields
Rep. Neal Dunn
Rep. Susie Lee
Rep. Lauren Underwood
Rep. Jared Moskowitz
Rep. Jim Himes
Rep. Wesley Bell
Rep. John Moolenaar
Rep. Julia Letlow
Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart
Rep. Zach Nunn
Rep. Ashley Hinson
Rep. Sean Casten
Rep. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez
Rep. Jefferson Shreve
Rep. Riley Moore
Rep. Mike Kelly
Rep. Darin LaHood
Rep. Gus Bilirakis
Rep. Chellie Pingree
Rep. Raja Krishnamoorthi
Rep. Bill Keating
Rep. Celeste Maloy
Rep. Jen Kiggans
Rep. Julie Fedorchak
Rep. Carol Miller
Rep. Madeleine Dean

Rep. Debbie Wasserman Schultz
Rep. Andrew Garbarino
Rep. Sam Liccardo
Rep. Joseph Morelle
Rep. Josh Harder
Rep. Joaquin Castro
Rep. Julie Johnson
Rep. Brian Mast
Rep. Jill Tokuda
Rep. Kathy Castor
Rep. Kevin Hern
Rep. Pat Fallon
Rep. Greg Murphy
Rep. Laurel Lee
Rep. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick
Rep. Gabe Amo
Rep. Glenn Ivey
Rep. Veronica Escobar
Rep. Michael Baumgartner
Rep. Don Bacon
Rep. Brad Schneider
Rep. Dan Newhouse
Rep. Chuck Edwards
Rep. Yassamin Ansari
Rep. French Hill
Rep. Buddy Carter
Rep. Vince Fong
Rep. Jim Baird
Rep. Rich McCormick
Rep. Yvette Clarke
Rep. Russ Fulcher
Rep. Stacey Plaskett
Rep. Warren Davidson
Rep. Mike Quigley
Rep. Mark Alford
Rep. Jay Obernolte
Justin Yamamura, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Young Kim

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, with a focus on interconnected issues such as global health, nutrition, sustainable development, and peace and security. This learning trip provides an opportunity for policymakers to better understand bilateral and multilateral efforts to strengthen health systems in Ghana and Togo, respond to food insecurity and nutrition

challenges, counter violent extremism, promote conservation and biodiversity, protect cultural heritage, and advance economic growth and development.

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:

There are two pragmatic and safety-related circumstances that have led UNF to requesting approval for a one-way charter flight for the upcoming learning trip to Ghana and Togo.

First, the full delegation will be receiving emergency Ghanaian visas on arrival at ACC International Airport. We attempted to accomplish that in Washington, but the Embassy of Ghana requires each potential traveler to appear in person to validate their application, which simply wasn't an option. We have been informed that this process could take up to 3 hours to fully complete—a process which has to be done before travelers can clear customs, collect baggage, completely exit the international terminal, and continue on foot or car to ACC's separate domestic terminal, upon which travelers must check-in and drop off luggage with a separate, non-code share airline, clear security, etc. There is a legitimate likelihood that given the size of the delegation and the expected visa/immigration waiting time that we would not make the 12:30pm flight in time and as a group of 15 people, if we miss that flight, the chances of successfully rebooking for the same day are extremely doubtful.

Secondly, genuine security concerns in/around the Savannah Region (where Mole National Park is located) make the later 4:00pm flight non-viable. That flight arrives in Tamale at approximately 5:20pm, after which the delegation will travel by road, primarily at night, for approximately four hours. The road to Mole is largely unlit, gravel, heavily eroded, and very congested, making it dangerous to navigate at night. Additionally, there were recent curfews in place in the Savannah Region (where the National Park is located) due to [violent communal clashes](#) that ignited late last year, leaving 31 people dead and displacing approximately 50,000 others. While the situation has de-escalated somewhat, the delegation will be traveling in the region in standard, consumer-level vehicles and absent any form of police or security protection, so these two conditions combined positioned the charter request as the most practical and safe option, allowing the delegation just enough time to complete the drive in daylight before sunset at approximately 6:00pm.

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

Ghana and Togo, while both making progress in areas like infrastructure, education, and governance, continue to face significant development challenges. In Ghana, one of West Africa's most stable democracies, major policy challenges include rising public debt, inflation, and unemployment, particularly among youth and graduates. The country also struggles with infrastructure gaps, urban congestion, and environmental degradation, including illegal mining which threatens water resources and farmland. Despite improvements in education and health, inequalities persist—especially in access to quality services for women, girls, and rural populations.

In Togo, key issues include high youth unemployment, limited industrialization, and regional disparities in access to basic services. Despite economic reforms and increased foreign investment, poverty remains widespread, especially in rural areas. Togo also grapples with governance concerns and the need for stronger institutions to ensure transparency and citizen participation.

Over the course of six days on the ground, the delegation will examine these issues firsthand and engage with the UN Country Team, U.S. Embassies in Lome and Accra, and senior government officials to better understand how the UN is helping Ghana and Togo on their journeys to self-reliance. Through field visits and expert-led discussions, we will learn how the UN system and the U.S. are working with partners to counter violent extremism, strengthen peacebuilding efforts, enhance food security, improve health outcomes, and promote new conservation efforts and biodiversity financing mechanisms. The delegation will additionally assess the larger geopolitical developments at play in West Africa, including evolving great power dynamics and their implications for continued U.S. leadership in the region.

To explore ongoing conservation obstacles in West Africa, the delegation will travel to Mole National Park, located in northern Ghana. Mole, the country's largest wildlife refuge, is home to elephants, antelopes, baboons, and over 300 bird species and has been the recipient of significant international conservation support, including funding for anti-poaching training and improved technologies that help safeguard the park's biodiversity.



Agenda for UNF Congressional Learning Trip to Ghana and Togo

January 23-30, 2026

****All Times Local****
+5 hours from Washington, DC

Friday, January 23 --- Washington, DC/Travel

Attire: Casual.

6:40pm Depart Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD) via United 996 (business class)
Flight time 9h 45m

Saturday, January 24 --- Accra/Tamale/Mole National Park

Attire: Casual.

9:25am Arrive Accra Kotoka International Airport (ACC)

9:25am – 12:30pm Obtain visas upon arrival, clear customs, collect baggage, transfer to domestic terminal, check-in for AWA flight, and clear security

1:00pm Depart ACC via Africa World Airlines (AWA) charter flight
Flight time 1h

2:00pm Arrive Tamale International Airport (TML)

2:00pm – 6:00pm Transit via hired car to Zaina Lodge, Mole National Park

5:00pm – 7:00pm Check in to hotel / Executive Time

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Welcome Working Dinner with UN Foundation**

The delegation will have a working dinner with the UN Foundation to review Mole National Park programming and major conservation issues across the park. Located in northern Ghana, Mole National Park is the country's largest wildlife refuge and a premier destination for nature lovers and safari enthusiasts. Spanning over 3,000 square miles, the park is home to a diverse range of animals, including elephants, antelopes, warthogs, buffaloes, and numerous bird species. The park also plays a crucial role in wildlife conservation and supports local communities through eco-tourism initiatives, making it a vital natural treasure in Ghana.

Location: Zaina Lodge

Overnight

Zaina Lodge

Sunday, January 25 --- Mole National Park

Attire: Casual.

6:30am – 8:30am

Morning Game Drive and Wildlife Conservation Discussion with Mole National Park Rangers

The delegation will partake in a game drive with Mole National Park Rangers and learn how Mole, Ghana's largest and most prominent protected area, is a vital refuge for biodiversity in the country's savanna ecosystem. Home to over 90 mammal species, 300 bird species, and hundreds of plant species, the park supports key populations of elephants, antelopes, and critically endangered vultures. However, the park faces growing conservation challenges, including poaching, illegal logging, bushfires, and human-wildlife conflict, which will be detailed by the rangers. Communities surrounding the park rely heavily on its resources for livelihoods, which adds pressure through encroachment and resource extraction. Limited funding and enforcement capacity hinder the park's ability to respond effectively to these threats.

The Government of Ghana and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched the Biodiversity Finance Initiative (BIOFIN) in April 2025, with funding from the Global Environment Facility (GEF-8) Umbrella Programme. The three-year program is designed to safeguard Ghana's rich biodiversity and secure sustainable financing for environmental protection. The delegation will learn how this initiative comes at a critical time when global attention is focused on addressing the alarming rate of biodiversity loss.

8:30am – 9:15am

Breakfast

9:15am – 9:30am

Transit to Mole National Park Information Office

9:30am – 10:30am

Meeting with Ziekah Meyir, Resident Veterinarian and Wildlife Epidemiologist, Ghana Forestry Commission; Mole National Park Staff; and Briefing on Wildlife Disease Surveillance Project, Supported by FAO

The delegation will meet with officials from the Ghana Forestry Commission, Mole National Park staff, and FAO staff to learn how FAO has significantly contributed to monitoring and mitigating wildlife diseases in Mole through collaborative initiatives that integrate wildlife health surveillance with broader zoonotic disease prevention efforts. In 2019, FAO supported the Veterinary Services Directorate and the Wildlife Division of the Forestry Commission by conducting training for

wildlife guards in Mole National Park. This training focused on identifying zoonotic diseases such as anthrax, rabies, Trypanosomiasis and high impact non zoonotic diseases like Peste des petits ruminants (PPR) and African Swine Fever in domestic animals, which could potentially spread to wildlife populations. Following this, FAO initiated active surveillance missions in 2021 to screen both domestic and wild animals, including pigs, dogs, cats, sheep, goats, chickens, ducks, bats, baboons, and monkeys, for priority zoonotic diseases like anthrax, rabies, avian influenza, viral hemorrhagic fevers, tuberculosis, and trypanosomiasis. These efforts aimed to detect and prevent the transmission of diseases at the domestic-animal-wildlife interface.

Furthermore, FAO has enhanced the capacity of wildlife staff by training them in the use of the Event Mobile Application (EMA-i), a tool designed for early disease detection and reporting. This training, conducted in 2020, equipped park rangers with the skills to monitor and report wildlife diseases promptly, thereby strengthening the surveillance system and enabling swift responses to potential outbreaks. Additionally, FAO has provided technical support to investigate the role of bats in emerging zoonoses, such as the Marburg virus, by training staff in bat trapping, capture, and sampling techniques. This initiative, launched in 2023, is part of a broader effort to understand and mitigate the risks associated with wildlife-borne diseases.

Through these comprehensive initiatives, FAO has played a pivotal role in strengthening wildlife disease surveillance in Mole National Park, thereby contributing to the health of wildlife populations, the prevention of zoonotic disease transmission, and the overall ecological balance in the region.

10:30am – 10:45am Transit to Mognori Village

10:45am – 11:30am **Visit to Mognori Village and Discussion on Community Wildlife Management Practices**

The delegation will visit Mognori Village to learn how the Ghana Wildlife Division has implemented a community-based wildlife management scheme, including developing a community eco-village model to promote sustainable livelihoods and conservation in and around Mole National Park. Wildlife surveillance methods like camera traps are used within and around the park to monitor animal populations and illegal activities, though this technology has also accidentally captured local community members.

Location: Mognori Village

11:30am – 12:00pm Transit via hired car to Zaina Lodge

12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch

1:00pm – 3:30pm Executive Time

3:30pm – 5:30pm **Afternoon Game Drive and Wildlife Conservation Discussion with Mole National Park Rangers**

The delegation will participate in an afternoon game in a separate section of the park that emphasizes the transition from day to night, when cooler temperatures encourage different patterns of wildlife activity. The delegation will learn how unseen predators and other nocturnal species begin to emerge in the late afternoon leading to evening, increasing the chance of sightings that are less common during the earliest parts of the day. During this drive, Mole National Park Rangers will discuss aspects of park and ecological management that pertain specifically to evening and nighttime conditions and the accompanying limitations, including challenges with preventing wildlife poaching, illegal logging, human encroachment, and other pressing conservation and biodiversity topics.

6:00pm – 7:00pm Executive Time

7:00pm – 8:00pm **Working Dinner with FAO Tamale Team**

The delegation will have a working dinner with FAO's Tamale Team to additionally learn how the organization is playing a critical role in wildlife disease surveillance as part of its broader One Health approach, which integrates human, animal, and environmental health. Recognizing that many emerging diseases originate in wildlife, FAO supports countries in developing early detection systems to monitor and manage health threats at the human-livestock-wildlife interface.

The delegation will learn how FAO collaborates with partners like WHO through global platforms such as the Global Early Warning System (GLEWS) to track and respond to disease outbreaks. Field projects in regions like West Africa have focused on detecting zoonotic diseases and protecting both biodiversity and food security. Despite progress, challenges remain, including limited technical capacity, poor coordination across sectors, and logistical barriers in remote areas. FAO continues to address these gaps through tools, guidelines, and international partnerships aimed at building sustainable and effective wildlife disease surveillance systems worldwide.

Location: Zaina Lodge

Overnight Zaina Lodge

Monday, January 26 --- Mole National Park/Tamale/Travel/Accra

Attire: Casual/Business Casual

6:00am – 6:30am Transit via hired car to Larabanga Mosque

6:30am – 7:00am Expert Guided Visit to Larabanga Mosque

The delegation will visit the Larabanga Mosque, one of the oldest and most revered Islamic sites in West Africa. Built in 1421, the mosque is often referred to as the “Mecca of West Africa.” The delegation will learn how the mosque serves as a symbol of the early spread of Islam in the region, helping them understand the historical, political, and cultural context of northern Ghana and its people. The Larabanga Mosque and other historical mosques in Ghana's “Trade Pilgrimage Routes of North-Western Ghana” have been inscribed on the UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage Properties since 2000, submitted by the Ghana Museums and Monuments Board.

Location: Larabanga Mosque

7:00am – 9:30am Transit via hired car to Tamale Central Health Centre

9:30am – 10:30am Observe Malnutrition Screenings, RUTF Treatment, and Health System Strengthening Efforts

The delegation will visit Tamale Central Health Centre to learn about nutrition challenges in Northern Ghana and how the Eleanor Crook Foundation partners with Ghana's Ministry of Health and the Ghana Health Service to enhance nutrition services in the northern regions of the country, with particular focus on Tamale. The 2022 Ghana Demographic and Health Survey (GDHS) reported a 6% prevalence of wasting among children under five, with 1.2% classified as severely wasted. The burden is highest in Ghana's northern regions at 7.8%, revealing persistent geographic inequities in child nutrition outcomes.

Each year, over 61,600 children in Ghana suffer from severe wasting—a life-threatening condition, yet fewer than one in six receive treatment. A new \$2.15 million partnership between Ghana Health Services (GHS) and the Eleanor Crook Foundation aims to change that by making life-saving RUTF routinely available through the country's public health system for the first time. With the Ghanaian government's growing commitment to expand domestic financing for nutrition, this investment will serve as a critical bridge to long-term government ownership. The delegation will learn how this catalytic procurement of RUTF and its inclusion in national

systems will support a pathway toward sustainable, government-led treatment services.

10:30am – 10:45am Transit to Bright Masters Academy

10:45am – 11:45am **Observe Ghana School Feeding Programme, Supported by WFP**

The delegation will visit Bright Masters Academy, a local elementary school that is one of the newest additions to WFP's school feeding programme, launching in June 2025. In Tamale, the Ghana School Feeding Programme (GSFP) has had measurable effects on school enrolment, attendance, and retention. A study conducted in the Tamale Metropolitan Assembly found that beneficiary schools saw significant increases in student enrollment after joining the feeding programme. WFP has also played a technical support role in ensuring programme quality in Tamale and elsewhere, contributing expertise in monitoring systems, training of caterers, and using innovations (such as nutritive inputs) to enhance the meals. These efforts aim not only to feed children, but also to improve educational and health outcomes, reduce hunger, and use school feeding as a driver of both human and local agricultural development.

11:45am – 12:30pm Transit to TML

2:00pm Depart TML via African World Airlines (non-charter) 173

3:00pm Arrive ACC

3:00pm – 3:45pm Transfer to Azmera Restaurant

3:45pm – 4:30pm **Working Lunch with Priya Gujadhur, FAO Representative in Ghana, a.i.**

The delegation will have a working lunch with Priya Gujadhur, FAO Representative in Ghana, a.i. to contextualize major FAO workstreams in Ghana and preview the visit to the Food Research Institute.

4:30pm – 4:45pm Transit to the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research's Food Research Institute

4:45pm – 5:30pm **Visit to Food Research Institute, Briefing on Improved Fish Processing Techniques, and Meeting with Small-Scale Fish Processors, Supported by FAO**

The delegation will visit Ghana's Food Research Institute (FRI), a leading applied-research institution under the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), established in 1963. The delegation will learn how FRI

plays a key role in improving fish processing techniques to enhance food safety, reduce post-harvest losses, and support small-scale processors on how FAO supports their work. Through innovations like improved fish smoking ovens and hygienic drying racks, FRI helps reduce contamination and health risks associated with traditional methods.

FAO has been involved in several initiatives aimed at upgrading the fish-processing sector in Ghana—especially supporting women processors along the value chain—to help them meet higher quality, safety, and export standards. One of the key technologies promoted is the FAO-Thiaroye Processing Technique (FTT), which helps reduce contaminants like smoke by-products, improve hygiene, and produce safer smoked fish. This helps Ghanaian processors move closer to satisfying local and international regulations and consumer expectations. By working closely with communities, policymakers, and other stakeholders, FRI and FAO are helping strengthen Ghana’s fish value chain and support food security, nutrition, and income generation for local processors.

5:30pm – 6:00pm Transit to Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast

6:00pm – 7:30pm Executive Time

7:30pm – 9:30pm **Welcome Working Dinner with Zia Choudhury, UN Resident Coordinator in Ghana and U.S. Embassy Accra; Wilson Korol, Deputy Political Counselor, U.S. Embassy Accra; and Renicha (Nish) McCree, Head of the Office of Foreign Assistance (OFA) and West Africa II Regional PEPFAR Coordinator, U.S. Embassy Accra**

The delegation will have a working dinner with Zia Choudhury, UN Resident Coordinator in Ghana and senior U.S. Embassy leaders to learn how the UN and U.S. work together in Ghana across multiple health, development, and conservation issues.

Location: Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast

Overnight Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast

Tuesday, January 27 --- Accra

Attire: Business.

8:00am – 8:30am Breakfast at hotel

8:45am – 9:00am Transit via hired car to FAO Regional Office

9:00am – 10:00am **Meeting with UN Country Team, led by Zia Choudhury, UN Resident Coordinator in Ghana**

The delegation will meet with the UN Country Team to contextualize the major development challenges in Ghana and provide a general overview of how the 19 UN agencies, programmes, and funds in Ghana work together and actively partner with the Government of Ghana and the U.S. to advance inclusive human development, improve health outcomes, promote economic growth, and strengthen sustainable agricultural practices.

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Location: FAO Regional Office – Board Room

10:00am – 10:30am Transit via hired car to U.S. Embassy Accra

10:30am – 11:30am **Meeting with U.S. Country Team, led by Rolf Olson, Chargé d’Affaires, a.i.**

The delegation will meet with the U.S. Country Team to discuss U.S.-Ghana relations, and how the U.S. and UN work together to address issues related to economic development, countering violent extremism, energy access, humanitarian assistance, food security, and related issues.

Location: U.S. Embassy Accra

11:30am – 12:15pm Transit to Ussher Fort Hospital

12:15pm – 1:00pm **Visit to Ussher Fort Hospital and Vocational Training Program, Supported by UNFPA**

The delegation will visit the Ussher Fort Hospital—a health facility located in the Ashiedu-Keteke/Jamestown area of Accra. Originally built around 1963-64, the facility has served as a first point of contact for residents in the densely populated surrounding communities.

The delegation will learn how UNFPA has partnered with Ussher Hospital to empower young women through vocational training in fashion design. This initiative, part of the “Fashion Expressions: The Stories She Wears” project, aims to promote women's empowerment and reproductive health. The program is open to all young women, free of charge, who would like to receive comprehensive training in fashion design, including patternmaking, sewing, and entrepreneurship. Upon completion, each participant was provided with an electric sewing machine to support their transition into self-employment. The delegation will learn how this collaboration between UNFPA and Ussher Hospital underscores a commitment to equipping vulnerable young women with skills that

enhance their socio-economic independence and reduce their vulnerability to gender-based violence and harmful practices.

Location: Ussher Fort Hospital

1:00pm – 1:15pm Transit to Kempinski Hotel

1:15pm – 2:15pm **Working Lunch with Refugees and Returned Migrants, Supported by UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and International Organization for Migration (IOM)**

The delegation will have a working lunch with refugees and returned migrants living in Ghana to learn about the several significant refugee-related challenges in the country, which are primarily due to its proximity to conflict-affected countries such as Burkina Faso, Liberia, and Togo. In recent years, a growing number of asylum seekers, especially from Burkina Faso, have fled violence and instability, seeking refuge in northern Ghana. This has placed considerable strain on local resources and infrastructure, particularly in already vulnerable regions. While Ghana maintains a relatively progressive refugee policy and grants prima facie status to many Burkinabe asylum seekers, there have been concerns about delays in registration, legal protection gaps, and even reports of forced returns, which violate international laws.

In addition, the delegation will learn how many Ghanaians embark on dangerous, irregular migration journeys to Libya, often with the hope of eventually reaching Europe for better economic opportunities. These migrants usually travel through desert routes facilitated by smugglers, only to face serious risks such as physical abuse, exploitation, arbitrary detention, and even death. In response, IOM assists in voluntarily returning stranded Ghanaians through its Voluntary Humanitarian Return program. Upon arrival in Ghana, returnees are provided with immediate medical care, psychosocial support, hygiene kits, and small financial assistance to cover basic needs. They also receive reintegration support, including vocational training, small business grants, and counseling to help them rebuild their lives.

Location: Kempinski Hotel

2:15pm – 3:00pm Transit to Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs

3:00pm – 3:45pm **Meeting with Hon. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, Minister of Foreign Affairs**

The delegation will meet with Hon. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa, Minister of Foreign Affairs to discuss U.S.-Ghana relations and the impact of strategic UN support initiatives in the country.

Location: Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs

3:45pm – 4:30pm Transit via hired car to Edesia Warehouse

4:30pm – 5:00pm **Visit to Edesia Warehouse and Briefing on Humanitarian Food Commodities Logistics**

The delegation will visit one of Edesia’s regional warehouses from which its emergency humanitarian food commodities are transported all over West and Central Africa. Edesia is a nonprofit organization based in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, dedicated to combating global childhood malnutrition through the production of ready-to-use therapeutic foods (RUTFs). Founded in 2009, Edesia manufactures nutrient-rich, peanut-based products like Plumpy’Nut and Nutributter, which are used to treat and prevent severe acute malnutrition in children around the world.

Operating a state-of-the-art facility, Edesia partners with major humanitarian agencies such as UNICEF, the World Food Programme, and the U.S. State Department to distribute its life-saving foods to over 60 countries. Since its founding, Edesia has helped nourish more than 25 million children, while also advocating for increased global investment in nutrition. Through its innovative approach and global reach, Edesia plays a critical role in addressing one of the world’s most urgent public health challenges.

Location: Edesia Warehouse

5:00pm – 5:45pm Transit via hired car to Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast

5:45pm – 6:45pm Executive Time

6:45pm – 7:00pm Transit to U.S. Ambassador’s Residence

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Welcome Reception, hosted by Rolf Olson, Chargé d’Affaires, a.i., U.S. Embassy Accra**

The delegation will attend a welcome reception at the U.S. Ambassador’s Residence, led by Rolf Olson, Chargé d’Affaires, a.i. and joined by various members of the U.S. Country Team, during which they will discuss U.S.-Guyana relations and brief the delegation on additional bilateral and multilateral issues.

Location: U.S. Ambassador’s Residence

Overnight Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast

Wednesday, January 28 --- Lome, Togo

Attire: Casual.

7:00am – 8:00am **Working Breakfast Debrief with Zia Choudhury, UN Resident Coordinator in Ghana**

The delegation will have a working breakfast debrief with the UN Resident Coordinator to share lessons learned and key takeaways.

Location: Kempinski Hotel Gold Coast

8:00am – 8:45am Transit via hired car to ACC

10:10am Depart ACC via ASKY 21

11:00am Arrive Lomé–Tokoin International Airport (LFW)

11:30am – 12:30pm Transit via hired car to Hôtel 2 Février

12:30pm – 1:15pm Executive Time

1:15pm – 1:30pm Transit via hired car to UN House

1:30pm – 2:30pm **Working Lunch with UN Country Team, led by Coumba D. Sow UN Resident Coordinator in Togo**

The delegation will meet with the UN Country Team to contextualize the major development challenges in Togo and provide a general overview of how the 12 UN agencies, programmes, and funds in Togo work together and actively partner with the Government of Togo and the U.S. to advance inclusive human development, improve health outcomes, promote economic growth, and strengthen sustainable agricultural practices.

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2:30pm – 3:00pm Transit via hired car to U.S. Embassy Lome

3:00pm – 4:00pm **Meeting with U.S. Country Team, led by Richard C. Michaels, Chargé d’Affaires, a.i.**

The delegation will meet with the U.S. Country Team to discuss U.S.-Togo relations, and how the U.S. and UN work together to address issues related to economic development, humanitarian assistance, food security, and related topics.

- 4:00pm – 4:30pm Transit via hired car to World Food Programme’s Regional Logistics Corridor
- 4:30pm – 5:15pm **Visit to Port of Lome and Briefing on World Food Programme’s (WFP) Regional Logistics Corridor; Joined by Cina Lawson, Minister of Public Service Efficiency and Digital Transformation**
- The delegation will visit WFP’s Regional Logistics Corridor, which operates out of the Port of Lomé in Togo. The RLC playing a vital role in facilitating humanitarian aid across West and Central Africa. Strategically located on the Gulf of Guinea, the Port of Lomé serves as a major entry point for food and emergency supplies destined for landlocked and crisis-affected countries in the region, such as Burkina Faso, Niger, and Mali. WFP uses this corridor to efficiently store, transport, and distribute life-saving assistance, including food and nutrition supplies, through a network of warehouses and transport fleets. By ensuring timely delivery of aid, the Lomé logistics hub strengthens regional food security and supports emergency response efforts during natural disasters and conflicts. This operation underscores Togo’s growing importance as a humanitarian logistics center in Africa.
- Location: Port of Lome*
- 5:15pm – 5:30pm Transit via hired car to WFP Lomé Warehouse
- 5:30pm – 6:00pm **Visit to WFP Lomé Warehouse**
- The delegation will visit the WFP Regional Warehouse, which holds thousands of metric tons of emergency food stocks, ready to be deployed in response to crises such as natural disasters, conflict, or food shortages. The delegation will learn how the warehouse supports WFP’s local operations in Togo, including school feeding and nutrition programs, while also allowing for efficient regional response by reducing delivery times and ensuring the quality of stored goods.
- Location: WFP Lomé Warehouse*
- 6:15pm – 6:30pm Transit via hired car to Hôtel 2 Février
- 6:30pm – 7:15pm Executive Time
- 7:15pm – 7:30pm Transit via hired car to State House
- 7:30pm – 9:15pm **Working Welcome Reception and Meeting with H.E. Faure**

Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Council of Ministers; H.E. Professor Robert Dussy, Minister of Foreign Affairs; and Various Members of the Parliament of the Togolese Republic

The delegation will meet with H.E. Faure Essozimna Gnassingbé, President of the Council of Ministers and discuss bilateral relations, as well as the UN's work in the country.

Location: State House

9:15pm – 9:30pm Transit via hired car to Hôtel 2 Février

Overnight Hôtel 2 Février

Thursday, January 29 --- Lome, Togo

Attire: Business.

7:30am – 8:00am Breakfast at hotel

8:00am – 8:15am Transit to Palais de Lomé

8:15am – 9:00am **Expert Guided Visit to Palais de Lomé and Briefing on the History of German Colonialism in Togo**

The delegation will visit the Palais de Lomé to learn about Togo's short history as the first German colony in Africa. Built in 1905, Palais de Lomé served as the residence of the German governor. During the visit, the delegation will learn about the impacts of German colonial influence in the country, helping them contextualize less obvious components of the country's unique political history and understand new Togolese efforts to reclaim and reimagine colonial spaces for national pride and cultural identity.

Location: Palais de Lomé

9:00am – 9:15am Transit via hired car to UniPod Togo Innovation and Technology Hub

9:15am – 10:00am **Visit to UniPod Togo Innovation and Technology Hub and Discussion on Private Sector Investments in the Togolese Economy**

The delegation will visit UniPod Togo, an innovation and technology hub based at the University of Lomé, created to foster entrepreneurship, research, and youth-driven innovation in Togo. Launched as part of the UNDP's Timbuktoo initiative, the delegation will learn how UniPod aims to bridge the gap between academia and the market by providing students, researchers, and young entrepreneurs with access to modern laboratories,

prototyping equipment, and mentorship. The center houses specialized labs in areas like electronics, renewable energy, agro-tech, and audiovisual technologies, supporting the development of practical solutions to local and global challenges. With over 1 billion FCFA in investment, UniPod serves as a dynamic space for creativity, collaboration, and business incubation, helping transform innovative ideas into real-world impact while promoting inclusive, sustainable development.

Location: UniPod Togo

10:00am – 10:30am Transit via hired car to Former Togo State House - School of Military Health

10:30am – 11:30am **Briefing on Terrorist Threats in Northern Togo, Operation Koundjoaré, and Meeting with Victims of Terrorism; Joined by Calixte Batossie Madjoulba, Minister of Security and Civil Protection, Joined by UN Office for Disarmament Affairs and UNHCR**

The delegation will receive a briefing on efforts to counter rising threats of terrorism, cross-border crime, and external infiltration in Northern Togo, particularly the Savanes Region near the border with Burkina Faso. This region has experienced a growing wave of terrorism in recent years, fueled by the spread of jihadist violence from the Sahel. Armed groups affiliated with Al-Qaeda, such as Jama'at Nusrat al-Islam wal-Muslimeen (JNIM), have launched multiple deadly attacks targeting both civilians and the Togolese military. These incidents have included ambushes, improvised explosive devices (IEDs), and direct assaults on military outposts. In response, the Government of Togo declared a state of security emergency in the region in 2022, which remains in effect, allowing expanded security operations and movement restrictions. The porous border with Burkina Faso, combined with limited state presence and under-resourced security forces, has made northern Togo increasingly vulnerable to militant incursions and destabilization. improve the infrastructure, safety, and efficiency of hospital services.

The delegation will also be briefed on Operation Koundjoaré, a military and security initiative launched by the Togolese government in September 2018. While its core mission is defense and protection of territorial integrity, Operation Koundjoaré also includes a social dimension: the Togolese state has made provision for basic services in affected border areas—improving infrastructure, facilitating access to schools, medical care, water supply, etc.—as part of efforts to strengthen state presence and reduce vulnerabilities among local populations. Over time, there have been significant sacrifices: numerous armed forces personnel have been killed or wounded in engagements with militant and extremist groups. In

response, the government has taken measures to honor the fallen and support survivors and their families—including posthumous decorations, financial and social support (such as school scholarships for children of deceased soldiers, universal health insurance for the injured, etc.), and setting in motion policies to formalize the status of “war-wounded”.

Location: Former Togo State House - School of Military Health

11:30am – 11:45am Transit via hired car to Palais des Congrès

11:45am – 1:15pm **Working Lunch with Women Parliamentarians**

The delegation will have a working lunch with Togolese women parliamentarians to learn how the Government of Togo has been proactive in promoting women's leadership through various initiatives and organizations, often in collaboration with the UN.

In addition to governmental efforts, civil society organizations play a crucial role in advancing women's leadership in Togo, combating period poverty, raising awareness about breast cancer among young Togolese girls, empowering women and youth in environmental sustainability, addressing issues like water and sanitation, and renewable energy. These initiatives reflect a concerted effort in Togo to empower women and integrate them into leadership roles, aligning with global movements and fostering local development.

Location: National Assembly of Togo

1:15pm – 1:30pm Transit via hired car to hotel

1:30pm – 2:30pm Executive Time

2:30pm – 3:00pm Transit via hired car to Koumy's House

3:00pm – 3:30pm **Expert Guided Visit to Koumy's House**

Koumy House is a vibrant and immersive art space created by the famed Togolese-Belgian artist Jean Koumy. More than just a gallery, it is a living canvas where walls, furniture, floors, and even the garden are adorned with colorful frescoes, mosaics, and joyful motifs such as hearts, birds, and faces. The house reflects Koumy's unique artistic style, often referred to as “Koumysme,” which blends pop art influences with themes of peace, love, and positivity. Visitors can tour the space, participate in painting workshops, and experience a world where art and everyday life blend seamlessly. Koumy House stands as a symbol of creativity and cultural

pride in Lomé, offering both locals and tourists an inspiring and colorful escape.

3:30pm – 4:30pm Transit via hired car to Agbodrafo Fisheries Research Station

4:30pm – 5:00pm **Visit to Agbodrafo Fisheries Research Station, Supported by FAO; Joined by Antoine Lekpa Gbegbeni, Minister of Agriculture, Livestock, and Rural Development**

The delegation will visit the Agbodrafo Fisheries Research Station and learn how FAO is partnering with the Ministry of Agriculture to advance aquaculture in Togo. Officially known as the Station de Recherche Halieutique d'Agbodrafo, the Center plays a crucial role in producing high-quality fingerlings (young fish) for local fish farmers, helping to boost fish production and reduce reliance on imports. The center also serves as a research and training hub, offering technical support and practical education to improve aquaculture techniques across the country. With on-site feed production and broodstock management, the hatchery supports sustainable fish farming practices while creating economic opportunities, especially in rural areas. By promoting food security, innovation, and job creation, the Agbodrafo Fish Hatchery Center is a vital part of Togo's strategy to strengthen its fisheries sector and ensure long-term food security and development.

Location: Agbodrafo Fisheries Research Station

5:00pm – 5:20pm Transit via hired car to Aneho Dock

5:20pm – 6:00pm **Visit to Strengthening Coastal Communities Resilience in Togo Project, Supported by FAO; Joined by Komla Dodzi Kokoroko, Minister of Environment, Forest Resources, Coastal Protection, and Climate Change**

The delegation will visit Lake Togo and learn how FAO is strengthening the resilience of coastal communities by supporting integrated approaches to mangrove ecosystem restoration and livelihood diversification. The delegation will observe how FAO is working to conserve diverse ecosystems, restore mangroves, and support local producers with sustainable practices, all within a broader landscape-level approach in the Mono Transboundary Biosphere Reserve (MTBR)—a UNESCO-designated area straddling the southern border of Benin and Togo.

Location: Lake Togo, Aneho

6:00pm – 7:30pm **Working Dinner with Sandra Ablamba Johnson, Secretary General of the Togolese Presidency; Barrie Freeman, Deputy Special**

Representative of the UN Secretary-General for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS); Kossi Lamadokou, Minister of Culture and Tourism; and Coumba D. Sow, UN Resident Coordinator in Togo

The delegation will have a working dinner with Sandra Ablamba Johnson, Secretary General of the Togolese Presidency; Barrie Freeman, Deputy Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for West Africa and the Sahel (UNOWAS); Kossi Lamadokou, Minister of Culture and Tourism; and Coumba D. Sow, UN Resident Coordinator in Togo to learn about major development challenges in Togo and how the Government of Togo and UN are working together across multiple challenges.

Location: Anheo Dock

7:30pm – 8:30pm Transit via hired car to Hôtel 2 Février

Overnight Hôtel 2 Février

Friday, January 30 --- Lome/Travel/Washington, DC

Attire: Casual.

7:00am – 7:30am Breakfast / Check out of hotel

7:30am – 8:00am Transit via hired car to UNICEF Community Outreach Clinic

8:00am – 9:00am **Visit to UNICEF Community Outreach Clinic, Briefing on UNICEF and WHO Zero-Dose Vaccination Campaign, and Meeting with Community Members; Joined by Professor Tchinn Darré, Minister of Health**

The delegation will visit a local UNICEF Community Outreach Clinic to learn how UNICEF and WHO are actively addressing the challenge of “zero-dose” children—those who have not received any routine vaccinations—through targeted campaigns and strategic partnerships. In 2023, UNICEF and WHO launched a comprehensive campaign focused on reaching zero-dose and under-vaccinated children. This initiative included community engagement, social mobilization, and collaboration with local health authorities to identify and vaccinate children who had missed routine immunization services. The campaign emphasized the importance of immunization in preventing diseases and promoting child health.

9:00am – 9:30am Transit to UNFPA One Stop Center

9:30am – 10:30am **Visit to UNFPA One Stop Center; Joined by Professor Tchinn Darré, Minister of Health**

The delegation will visit UNFPA’s One Stop Center, a pioneering facility dedicated to providing comprehensive support to survivors of gender-based violence (GBV). Inaugurated on December 9, 2021, at the Adidogomé Medical and Social Centre (CMS), this center represents a collaborative effort between the Togolese government, UNFPA, and UNDP. It aims to offer integrated, free-of-charge services to women and girls affected by GBV in the Greater Lomé area. The One Stop Center is designed to deliver holistic care through a multidisciplinary approach and houses dedicated spaces for medical treatment, psychosocial support, legal assistance, and social services, all within a single location. This model ensures confidentiality, reduces trauma, and facilitates coordinated follow-up for survivors.

10:30am – 11:15am	Transit via hired car to LFW
1:00pm	Depart LFW via Ethiopian Air 514 (business class) <i>Flight time 10h 55m</i>
6:55pm	Arrive John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK) <i>Layover 2h 35m</i>
9:30pm	Depart JFK via Ethiopian Air 2587 (operated by JetBlue) <i>Flight time 1h 17m</i>
10:47pm	Arrive DCA

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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.**

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: 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:
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Destination: _____ on Date: _____
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 - 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:**
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 - 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.
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 - a. I read and understand the Committee's Travel Regulations;
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 - 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:  Date: 12/16/2025

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If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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January 22, 2026

The Honorable Lauren Underwood
U.S. House of Representatives
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Washington, DC 20515

Dear Colleague:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your and your parent's proposed trip to Ghana and Togo,¹ scheduled for January 23 to 30, 2026, sponsored by the United Nations Foundation and the 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 \$525 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 \$525] 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.

¹ 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,



Michael Guest
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