

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

MEMBER/OFFICER POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM ☒ Original ☐ Amend

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: Chuck Edwards
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ **OR** ☒ None
b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: August 15, 2025 Return: August 24, 2025
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ **OR** ☒ None
4. Departure City: Member's District Destination: Pretoria and Kruger National Park Return City: Member's District
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation, Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended (attach additional pages if necessary):
See itinerary attached.
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: 08/28/2026

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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: International Conservation Caucus Foundation, Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation

2. Travel Destination(s): Pretoria and Kruger National Park, South Africa

3. Date of Departure: August 15 Date of Return: August 24

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Charles Edwards

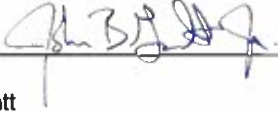
Note: You may list more than one traveler on a form only if *all* information is *identical* for each person listed.

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	\$10,107.71	\$615	\$419	\$1016 (\$129 park fee, \$140 tips, \$667 guides, \$80 expediter)
Accompanying Family Member	\$10,107.71	\$396	\$419	\$1016(\$129 park fee, \$140 tips, \$667 guides, \$80 expediter)

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: 9/8/2025

Name: John Gantt Title: CEO

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

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

Address: 1200 Potomac St NW Washington, DC 20007

Telephone: 202-471-4222; 301-706-7334 Email: cweis@iccfoundation.us

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.

last updated 7/2023

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Chuck Edwards
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation
3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel: Pretoria and Kruger National Park South Africa
4. a. Date of Departure: August 15, 2025 Date of Return: August 24, 2025
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: Teresa Edwards
(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, 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 the vice chairman of the NSRP subcommittee on Appropriations, Congressman Edwards will gain value from going on the trip and the status of South Africa
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: 7/16/2025

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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:
International Conservation Caucus 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: Gordon and Betty Moore 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):
See addendum.
5. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: August 15, 2025 Date of Return: Aug 24, 2025
7. a. City of departure: Member's District
b. Destination(s): Pretoria and Kruger National Park
c. City of return: Member's District
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. _____

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:
See addendum.

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:

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): In Pretoria, meals will cost approximately \$80 per day
In Kruger, meals will cost \$41 per day.

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
See addendum.

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

Hotel Name: City Lodge City: Pretoria Cost Per Night: 73.00

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meetings.

Hotel Name: Punda Maria Rest Camp City: Kruger National Park Cost Per Night: 99.00

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to protected area and speakers.

Hotel Name: Mopani Rest Camp City: Kruger National Park Cost Per Night: 99.00

Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to protected area and speakers.

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:**

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total Transportation Expenses per Participant	Total Lodging Expenses per Participant	Total Meal Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	8711.30	Luttrell and Edwards: \$612 Pfluger and Joyce: \$542	324.00
For each Accompanying Family Member	8711.30	396.00	324.00

	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	388.00	\$129 for park conservation fee; \$140 for tips; and \$119 for guide fee
For each Accompanying Family Member	388.00	\$129 for park conservation fee; \$140 for tips; and \$119 for guide fee

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: 7/15/2025
Name: John Gantt Title: CEO
Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation
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Email: johngantt@internationalconservation.us; cweis@iccfoundation.us Telephone: 301-706-7334

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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August 13, 2025

The Honorable Chuck Edwards
U.S. House of Representatives
1505 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 South Africa,¹ scheduled for August 15 to 24, 2025, sponsored by International Conservation Caucus Foundation and Gordon and Betty Moore 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.

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>.

4. Representative August Pfluger (R-TX) is a member of the International Conservation Caucus, whose leadership is supported by ICCF. Part of our programming includes delegations so Caucus Members can see the international conservation issues we discuss on the Hill first hand.

Representative David Joyce (R-OH) is a Co-Chair of the International Conservation Caucus, whose leadership ICCF supports.

Representative Morgan Luttrell (R-TX) sits on the Homeland Security and Armed Services committees, which are becoming very important to the conservation community. Resource conflicts are one of the leading causes of global instability. The delegation will see the important roles protected areas play in habitat protection and also in fighting transnational organized crime such as wildlife trafficking.

Representative Charles Edwards (R-NC) sits on the National Security, Department of State and Related Programs Subcommittee in the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for US funding for international programs, including international conservation.

Congressman George Whitesides (D-CA) is one of the newest members of the International Conservation Caucus in the House.

12. Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation's mission is to create positive outcomes for future generations. In pursuit of that vision, they advance scientific discovery, environmental conservation, and the special character of the San Francisco Bay Area. The ICCF works to educate US Legislators on the importance of US leadership in international conservation. ICCF partners with our global caucus network to build political will around responsible natural resource management. One caucus being in South Africa.

The ICCF organized and planned all aspects of the trip. The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation provided a grant to the ICCF to educate policymakers in the US and UK on the importance of international conservation. The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation has only provided a grant and has not participated in any of the planning or organizing of the trip.

15. b. 2) Pretoria was chosen based on its proximity to the international airport and government meetings. Kruger National Park was chosen as a good example of a well managed protected area and is where the group can meet the individuals and experts who run the park's day-to-day operations.



Congressional Member Delegation to South Africa

August 15-24, 2025

Congressional Participants: Representatives August Pfluger (R-TX), Morgan Luttrell (R-TX), Chuck Edwards (R-NC), David Joyce (R-OH), George Whitesides (D-CA)

Friday, August 15th - Travel Day

12:15	Luttrell: Departs Houston for Newark, NJ. UA1639
06:45	Pfluger: Departs San Angelo to Dallas Fort Worth, TX. Qatar Airways QR9235
14:37	Edwards: Departs Asheville, NC to Atlanta, GA. KLM7645
17:45	Edwards: Departs Atlanta for Amsterdam, Netherlands. KLM6072
20:40	Luttrell: Departs Newark for Johannesburg, SA. UA188
10:50	Pfluger: Departs Dallas Fort Worth to Doha. Qatar Airways QR732
11:55	Joyce: Departs Miami, FL to Dubai, United Arab Emirates. E0214

Saturday, August 16th - Travel Day

08:00	Edwards: Arrives in Amsterdam
10:35	Edwards: Departs Amsterdam for Johannesburg, SA. KLM591
17:45	Luttrell: Arrives in Johannesburg
21:15	Pfluger: Lands in Doha
21:20	Edwards: Arrives in Johannesburg
22:15	Joyce: Arrives in Dubai

Accommodations *Airplane and City Lodge, Pretoria*

Sunday, August 17th



04:05 Joyce: Departs Dubai to Johannesburg

02:10 Pfluger: Departs Doha for Johannesburg. Qatar Airways QR1363

08:00 - 09:00 Breakfast Briefing by David Barron, ICCF Chairman

David Barron will outline the purpose and agenda of the mission, give an overview of ICCF, and provide background on US government support for conservation and human development in South Africa, providing participants with baseline information they will need throughout the trip.

09:35 Pfluger: Arrives in Johannesburg

10:15 Joyce: Arrives in Johannesburg

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch briefing with David Barron on ICCF's global caucus network

ICCF Group acts as a secretariat to a global conservation caucus network. David will brief the delegation on the importance of political will and US leadership around global natural resource management. Mismanaging resources has far reaching implications such as geopolitical conflict, famine, mass migration, and more.

13:30- 14:00 Transfer to US Embassy

14:00 - 15:30 Meeting with US Chargé d'Affaires David Greene for a classified country briefing

The delegation will meet with David Greene and the country team to hear about current US - South Africa relationship dynamics in the national and regional context. This briefing will provide participants with important background and context about the work of US agencies like the US Department of State, among others.

15:30 - 16:00 Return to the hotel, clean up for dinner at the hotel

18:00 -20:00 Dinner briefing with Roelof Meyer

Roelof Petrus Meyer is a South African politician and businessman. A Member of Parliament between 1979 and 1997, he was the chief negotiator for the National Party government during the negotiations to end apartheid. He later co-founded the United Democratic Movement. He will brief the delegation on South African history and US/South Africa relations.

Accommodations: City Lodge, Pretoria



Monday, August 18th

- 08:00 - 09:30 Breakfast Briefing with Andrew Muir, CEO of Wilderness Foundation Africa
- Andrew Muir will brief the delegation on the role of the Conservation Parliamentary Caucus in South Africa.
- 10:00 - 12:00 Meeting with South African Caucus Co-Chair, Bantu Holomisa
- Hon. Bantu Holomisa will meet with the delegation to brief them on the work of the South African Parliamentary Conservation Caucus. The Caucus works to build political will to address and prioritize protected area management and wildlife trafficking.*
- 12:00 - 12:30 Transfer to lunch
- 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch briefing with Andrew Muir
- Andrew will discuss with the group the work of the Wilderness Foundation as well as the key role protected landscapes play in South Africa's social and community context.*
- 13:30 - 14:00 Transfer to South African President's residence, Mahlabamba Ndlopfu
- 14:00 - 16:00 Meeting with the President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa
- The delegation will meet with President Ramaphosa at his residence in Pretoria. The delegation will discuss South Africa - US relations as well as South Africa's understanding of the important role protected areas play in the economy, health and wellbeing of their society.*
- 16:00 - 16:45 Return to hotel
- 16:45 - 18:30 Down time and freshen up for dinner
- 18:30 - 20:30 Dinner briefing with Whitey Basson, founder of Shoprite
- Whitey Basson is a South African businessman. He is the former Managing Director and Chief Executive of Shoprite Holdings Ltd, the largest food retailer in Africa. He is going to discuss the importance of US and South African relations to the South African, and the wider regions, economic stability.

Accommodations: City Lodge, Pretoria

Tuesday, August 19th



- 06:30 - 07:00 Quick breakfast before departure to Mopani Camp in Kruger National Park
- 07:00 - 13:00 Drive to Mopani Camp in Kruger National Park
- The delegation will have a couple of stops along the way.
- 13:00 - 14:30 Lunch briefing with Stefan Kruger, professional hunter and owner of S.D. Kruger Safaris
- Stefan Kruger will brief the delegation on the important role hunting can play in a conservation management plan. Stefan is dedicated to hunting that is based in both ethics and conservation. He is dedicated to the health and wellbeing of the animal population in and around the park and works closely with indigenous communities to ensure they see and understand the value of a healthy wildlife population.*
- 14:30 - 16:00 Check into the camp and unpack
- 16:00 - 19:00 Field briefing to observe predator activity and discuss human-wildlife conflict
- Camp representatives will guide participants to track lion pride movements, discussing, en route, the important role lions and other predators play in the ecosystem as well as Kruger's historical relationship with lions and present threats of human-wildlife conflict. This discussion will provide participants with key background information and observations on how predators, in particular, support the overall health of the ecosystem, human-wildlife conflict, traditional practices of indigenous groups, and the challenges these create for local buy-in to ecotourism as a development solution.*
- 19:00 - 21:00 Dinner briefing on global biodiversity and habitat loss, land use change, and environmental migration
- ICCF representatives will lead a discussion on global biodiversity loss and its implications. More than one million species may be in danger of extinction this century, creating grave threats to human health, well-being, food security, regional stability, and continued economic success. Africa is the most vulnerable continent to the impacts of these changes, subject to increasing frequency and severity of natural disasters, unpredictable rainfall, and widespread crop failure. An estimated 36 million people across Africa are displaced, mostly from conflict. This number has tripled since 2011, representing 44% of the global total.*
- This discussion will tie together information learned on the trip, more closely examine linkages to broader global issues, and include a discussion of various development mechanisms available to finance global conservation efforts and how these efforts can work in tandem.*



Accommodations: Punda Maria Rest Camp, Kruger National Park

Wednesday, August 20th

05:30 - 08:30 Field briefing with local guide to learn about wildlife tracking methods and their application for conservation, including combating poaching. The delegation will also learn about the important opportunity guiding and ranger job opportunities are to the local and indigenous communities.

08:30 - 09:00 Return to camp

09:00 - 10:30 Breakfast with Cathy Dryer, Kruger National Park's first female head ranger

Cathy Dreyer, the 'rhino whisperer', will brief the delegation on her path to become Kruger National Park's first female ranger. She has a 25-year career in conservation and is responsible for the establishment of new black rhino populations and vital protections for this species in South Africa. She was also presented with the coveted Tusk Conservation Award by Sir David Attenborough.

10:30 - 11:30 Return to camp

11:30 - 12:30 Break

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch briefing with David Barron

David will brief the delegation on critical landscape conservation, including protected areas management and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) like the Maasai Mara conservancies.

ICCF staff will lead a discussion on management challenges of protected areas and OECMs and explore partnership models that make these areas effective. Participants will learn, broadly, how each of these models operates and how they support short- and long-term sustainability throughout the continent. This discussion will inform participants' work on conservation and natural resources by illustrating how different models are successful in their respective contexts.

Protected areas are widely recognized as the "anchors" to any effort to preserve and regenerate nature and restore ecosystems for the benefit of wildlife, human well-being, and Africa's economies. Yet, most African countries lack the funding and capacity necessary to effectively manage protected areas.



OECMs are defined as "a geographically defined area other than a Protected Area, which is governed and managed in ways that achieve positive and sustained long-term outcomes for the in situ conservation of biodiversity, with associated ecosystem functions and services and, where applicable, cultural, spiritual, socioeconomic, and other locally relevant values."

14:00 - 15:30

Break

15:30 - 18:30

Field briefing on combating wildlife trafficking (CWT)

Cathy Dryer will lead a discussion of global efforts to combat wildlife trafficking. As both populations and economies have grown in East Asia, the demand for wildlife products has surged, sending the black-market price of ivory, rhino horn, and other products to historic highs. Poaching and wildlife trafficking in Africa are destabilizing economies, decimating iconic species, financing violent insurgent groups and international criminal organizations, contributing to the deterioration of governance, and creating large swaths of land in which insurgent groups can train and operate. The delegation will learn about the poaching risks facing conservation areas as well as recent legislative and policy successes in South Africa and the region.

18:30 - 20:30

Dinner with Stefan Kruger

Stefan will join the delegation to debrief on what the delegation saw during the day and answer any questions.

Accommodations: Punda Maria Rest Camp, Kruger National Park

Thursday, August 21st

07:30 - 09:00

Breakfast briefing with David Barron

David will brief the delegation on the importance of the US Foundation for International Conservation Act that was passed at the end of the 118th Congress. He will update the delegation on its implementation as well as the potential applications for landscapes in the greater South African region.

09:00 - 10:30

Pack up for next camp

10:30 - 12:00

Travel to Letaba Camp

12:00 - 14:00

Lunch briefing with Stefan Kruger

Stefan will brief the delegation on Letaba Camp and the difference in the ecosystem and wildlife. Stefan will also discuss the important role of the



local communities in the day-to-day functioning of the camps and their understanding about the importance of wildlife to tourism and the local economy.

14:00 - 15:30 Check into the camp and unpack

15:30 - 18:30 Field Briefing with Oscar Mthimkhulu, Managing Executive for Kruger National Park

Oscar manages the operations and business processes within the Kruger National Park, developing and managing the implementation of policies, strategies and operational procedures for the Park, leading stakeholder engagement processes, and ensuring the implementation of sound corporate governance and effective financial management. The delegation will see some of the ranger stations and get a brief on the day to day and what it takes to successfully manage a protected area.

18:30 - 20:30 Dinner briefing by David Barron

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Sincerely,

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Michael Guest
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Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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.

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

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2. Travel Destination(s): _____

3. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): _____

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

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Traveler				
Accompanying Family Member				

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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: _____

Name: _____ Title: _____

Organization: _____

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

Address: _____

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

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1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: _____

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.*

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If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: _____

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5. Yes ☐ No ☐ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?

6. Date of Departure: _____ Date of Return: _____

7. a. City of departure: _____

b. Destination(s): _____

c. City of return: _____

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- 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**
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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. _____

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.**

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

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- 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:

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- 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): _____

2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: _____

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4. Representative August Pfluger (R-TX) is a member of the International Conservation Caucus, whose leadership is supported by ICCF. Part of our programming includes delegations so Caucus Members can see the international conservation issues we discuss on the Hill first hand.

Representative David Joyce (R-OH) is a Co-Chair of the International Conservation Caucus, whose leadership ICCF supports.

Representative Morgan Luttrell (R-TX) sits on the Homeland Security and Armed Services committees, which are becoming very important to the conservation community. Resource conflicts are one of the leading causes of global instability. The delegation will see the important roles protected areas play in habitat protection and also in fighting transnational organized crime such as wildlife trafficking.

Representative Charles Edwards (R-NC) sits on the National Security, Department of State and Related Programs Subcommittee in the House Appropriations Committee, which is responsible for US funding for international programs, including international conservation.

Congressman George Whitesides (D-CA) is one of the newest members of the International Conservation Caucus in the House.

12. Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation's mission is to create positive outcomes for future generations. In pursuit of that vision, they advance scientific discovery, environmental conservation, and the special character of the San Francisco Bay Area. The ICCF works to educate US Legislators on the importance of US leadership in international conservation. ICCF partners with our global caucus network to build political will around responsible natural resource management. One caucus being in South Africa.

The ICCF organized and planned all aspects of the trip. The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation provided a grant to the ICCF to educate policymakers in the US and UK on the importance of international conservation. The Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation has only provided a grant and has not participated in any of the planning or organizing of the trip.

15. b. 2) Pretoria was chosen based on its proximity to the international airport and government meetings. Kruger National Park was chosen as a good example of a well managed protected area and is where the group can meet the individuals and experts who run the park's day-to-day operations.



Congressional Member Delegation to South Africa

August 15-24, 2025

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06:45	Pfluger: Departs San Angelo to Dallas Fort Worth, TX. Qatar Airways QR9235
14:37	Edwards: Departs Asheville, NC to Atlanta, GA. KLM7645
17:45	Edwards: Departs Atlanta for Amsterdam, Netherlands. KLM6072
20:40	Luttrell: Departs Newark for Johannesburg, SA. UA188
10:50	Pfluger: Departs Dallas Fort Worth to Doha. Qatar Airways QR732
11:55	Joyce: Departs Miami, FL to Dubai, United Arab Emirates. E0214

Saturday, August 16th - Travel Day

08:00	Edwards: Arrives in Amsterdam
10:35	Edwards: Departs Amsterdam for Johannesburg, SA. KLM591
17:45	Luttrell: Arrives in Johannesburg
21:15	Pfluger: Lands in Doha
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Accommodations *Airplane and City Lodge, Pretoria*

Sunday, August 17th



04:05	Joyce: Departs Dubai to Johannesburg
02:10	Pfluger: Departs Doha for Johannesburg. Qatar Airways QR1363
08:00 - 09:00	Breakfast Briefing by David Barron, ICCF Chairman <i>David Barron will outline the purpose and agenda of the mission, give an overview of ICCF, and provide background on US government support for conservation and human development in South Africa, providing participants with baseline information they will need throughout the trip.</i>
09:35	Pfluger: Arrives in Johannesburg
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13:30- 14:00	Transfer to US Embassy
14:00 - 15:30	Meeting with US Chargé d'Affaires David Greene for a classified country briefing <i>The delegation will meet with David Greene and the country team to hear about current US - South Africa relationship dynamics in the national and regional context. This briefing will provide participants with important background and context about the work of US agencies like the US Department of State, among others.</i>
15:30 - 16:00	Return to the hotel, clean up for dinner at the hotel
18:00 -20:00	Dinner briefing with Roelof Meyer <i>Roelof Petrus Meyer is a South African politician and businessman. A Member of Parliament between 1979 and 1997, he was the chief negotiator for the National Party government during the negotiations to end apartheid. He later co-founded the United Democratic Movement. He will brief the delegation on South African history and US/South Africa relations.</i>
Accommodations:	City Lodge, Pretoria



Monday, August 18th

08:00 - 09:30 Breakfast Briefing with Andrew Muir, CEO of Wilderness Foundation Africa

Andrew Muir will brief the delegation on the role of the Conservation Parliamentary Caucus in South Africa.

10:00 - 12:00 Meeting with South African Caucus Co-Chair, Bantu Holomisa

Hon. Bantu Holomisa will meet with the delegation to brief them on the work of the South African Parliamentary Conservation Caucus. The Caucus works to build political will to address and prioritize protected area management and wildlife trafficking.

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Andrew will discuss with the group the work of the Wilderness Foundation as well as the key role protected landscapes play in South Africa's social and community context.

13:30 - 14:00 Transfer to South African President's residence, Mahlamba Ndlopfu

14:00 - 16:00 Meeting with the President of South Africa, Cyril Ramaphosa

The delegation will meet with President Ramaphosa at his residence in Pretoria. The delegation will discuss South Africa - US relations as well as South Africa's understanding of the important role protected areas play in the economy, health and wellbeing of their society.

16:00 - 16:45 Return to hotel

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18:30 - 20:30 Dinner briefing with Whitey Basson, founder of Shoprite

Whitey Basson is a South African businessman. He is the former Managing Director and Chief Executive of Shoprite Holdings Ltd, the largest food retailer in Africa. He is going to discuss the importance of US and South African relations to the South African, and the wider regions, economic stability.

Accommodations: City Lodge, Pretoria

Tuesday, August 19th



06:30 - 07:00	Quick breakfast before departure to Mopani Camp in Kruger National Park
07:00 - 13:00	Drive to Mopani Camp in Kruger National Park The delegation will have a couple of stops along the way.
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch briefing with Stefan Kruger, professional hunter and owner of S.D. Kruger Safaris <i>Stefan Kruger will brief the delegation on the important role hunting can play in a conservation management plan. Stefan is dedicated to hunting that is based in both ethics and conservation. He is dedicated to the health and wellbeing of the animal population in and around the park and works closely with indigenous communities to ensure they see and understand the value of a healthy wildlife population.</i>
14:30 - 16:00	Check into the camp and unpack
16:00 - 19:00	Field briefing to observe predator activity and discuss human-wildlife conflict <i>Camp representatives will guide participants to track lion pride movements, discussing, en route, the important role lions and other predators play in the ecosystem as well as Kruger's historical relationship with lions and present threats of human-wildlife conflict. This discussion will provide participants with key background information and observations on how predators, in particular, support the overall health of the ecosystem, human-wildlife conflict, traditional practices of indigenous groups, and the challenges these create for local buy-in to ecotourism as a development solution.</i>
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Accommodations: Punda Maria Rest Camp, Kruger National Park

Wednesday, August 20th

05:30 - 08:30 Field briefing with local guide to learn about wildlife tracking methods and their application for conservation, including combating poaching. The delegation will also learn about the important opportunity guiding and ranger job opportunities are to the local and indigenous communities.

08:30 - 09:00 Return to camp

09:00 - 10:30 Breakfast with Cathy Dryer, Kruger National Park's first female head ranger

Cathy Dreyer, the 'rhino whisperer', will brief the delegation on her path to become Kruger National Park's first female ranger. She has a 25-year career in conservation and is responsible for the establishment of new black rhino populations and vital protections for this species in South Africa. She was also presented with the coveted Tusk Conservation Award by Sir David Attenborough.

10:30 - 11:30 Return to camp

11:30 - 12:30 Break

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Accommodations: Punda Maria Rest Camp, Kruger National Park

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