

U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics

LEGISLATIVE RESOURCE CENTER

EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM JUN 15 AM 11:34

This form is for disclosing the receipt of travel expenses from private sources for travel taken in connection with official duties. This form does not eliminate the need to report privately-funded travel on the annual Financial Disclosure Statements of those employees required to file them. In accordance with House Rule 25, clause 5, you must complete this form and file it with the Clerk of the House, 135 Cannon House Office Building, 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: Erin O'Quinn
2. a. Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_ *or* None   
 b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: May 28, 2017 Return: June 4, 2017  
 b. Dates at personal expense (if any): June 2 - 4, 2017 *or* None
4. Departure city: Washington, DC Destination: Port au Prince, Santo Domingo Return city: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): United Nations Foundation
6. Describe meetings and events attended: briefings with U.S. Embassy, UN partners, NGOs, and the Malaria Zero consortium  
site visits to hospitals, clinics, and homes with community health workers viewing the impacts of malaria and the efforts towards eradication made by partners and the local governments
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 Grantmaking or Non-Grantmaking Sponsor Forms;
  - c.  page 2 of the completed Traveler Form submitted by the employee; *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 that statement is true by checking box*):   
 b. If not, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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

SIGNATURE OF TRAVELER: [Signature] DATE: 6/14/17

I authorized this travel in advance. I have determined that all of the expenses listed on the attached Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure form were necessary and that the travel was in connection with the employee's official duties and would not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain.

NAME OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: Ami Bera DATE: 6/14/17

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: [Signature]

**U.S. House of Representatives  
Committee on Ethics**

**SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM**

This form must be completed by an officer of any organization that served as the primary trip sponsor in providing travel expenses or reimbursement for travel expenses to House Members, officers, or employees under House Rule 25, clause 5. *A completed copy of the form must be provided to each House Member, officer, or employee who participated on the trip within 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 for the trip): United Nations Foundation

2. Travel Destination(s): Haiti and the Dominican Republic

3. Date of Departure: May 28, 2017 Date of Return: June 2, 2017

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Erin O'Quinn


(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 response to Question 4:

	Total Transportation Expenses	Total Lodging Expenses	Total Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item and description)
Traveler	\$1,121.46	\$591.15	\$248.50	Supplies:\$25;Luggage:\$50;Entry fee:\$20
Accompanying Relative				

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: 

Name: Peter Yeo Title: Vice President, Public Policy&Advocacy

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, D.C. 20006

Telephone number: 202-887-9040

Email Address: 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.

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Erin O'Quinn
2. Sponsor(s) (who will be paying for the trip): United Nations Foundation
3. Travel destination(s): Haiti, Dominican Republic
4. a. Date of departure May 28, 2017 Date of return: June 4, 2017  
b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  Yes  No  
If yes, dates at personal expense: June 3-4, 2017
5. a. Will you be accompanied by a relative at the sponsor's expense?  Yes  No  
b. If yes:  
(1) Name of accompanying relative: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2) Relationship to traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_  
(3) Accompanying relative is at least 18 years of age:  Yes  No
6. a. Did the trip sponsor answer "yes" to Question 9(d) on the Primary Trip Sponsor Form (*i.e.*, travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent and you are requesting lodging for two nights)?  Yes  No  
b. If yes, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Primary Trip Sponsor Form is attached, including agenda, invitee list, and any other attachments and contributing sponsor forms:  Yes  No  
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 LD & global health advisor for an HFAC Member, this trip will provide the opportunity to learn firsthand about bilateral, multilateral, and NGO malaria eradication efforts on the island of Hispaniola.
9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, and/or arranging the trip?  Yes  No

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.

Date: 4/17/17

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Signature of Employing Member

U.S. House of Representatives  
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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 Web site ([ethics.house.gov](http://ethics.house.gov)) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form.

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

1. Sponsor (who will be paying for the trip): \_\_\_\_\_  
United Nations Foundation
2. I represent that the trip will not be financed (in whole or in part) by a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent (*signify that the statement is true by checking box*):
3. *Check only one:* I represent that:
  - a. the primary trip sponsor has not accepted from any other source funds intended directly or indirectly to finance any aspect of the trip  *or*
  - b. the trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation and the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds only from entities that will receive a tangible benefit in exchange for those funds  *or*.
  - c. the primary trip sponsor has accepted funds from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.   
If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: \_\_\_\_\_
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 attachment
5. Is travel being offered to an accompanying relative of the House invitee(s)?  Yes  No
6. Date of departure: May 28, 2017 Date of return: June 2, 2017
7.
  - a. City of departure: Washington, D.C
  - b. Destination(s): Haiti, Dominican Republic
  - c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
8. I represent that (*check one of the following*):
  - 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 one of the following:
  - a. I checked 8(a) or (b) above:
  - b. I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging:
  - 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 "d" is checked, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities the 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 one:

a. I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip (signify that the statement is true by checking box):  or

b. N/A – 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:

The UN Foundation is a public charity focusing on global health issues, including malaria eradication, and works closely with U.S. and UN agencies on life-saving global health interventions.

The UN Foundation is the sole sponsor and organizer of this trip. The UN Foundation has handled outreach to Congressional staff and is managing all logistical coordination in country.

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. I represent that either (check one of the following):

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): \_\_\_\_\_  
meal costs are estimated at \$90 per day, which is below maximum per diem

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

The trip focuses on malaria eradication and elimination. Hispaniola is the last bastion of malaria incidences in the Caribbean.

While the Dominican Republic has made great strides in achieving pre-elimination status, relatively high levels of transmission in Haiti threaten island-wide progress.

Moreover, malaria outbreaks in Haiti represented one-third of imported cases in the United States originating from the Americas during 2011-2014.

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

Hotel name: Marriott Hotel City: Port-au-Prince Cost per night: \$150

Reason(s) for selecting: security, availability, location

Hotel name: Villas Codevi City: Dajabon Cost per night: \$60

Reason(s) for selecting: location, only hotel in region

Hotel name: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Cost per night: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

18. TOTAL EXPENSES FOR EACH PARTICIPANT:

<input type="checkbox"/> actual amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good faith estimates	Total <i>Transportation</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Lodging</i> Expenses per Participant	Total <i>Meal</i> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$700	\$570	\$540
For each accompanying relative			

	<i>Other</i> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or employee	\$95, \$140, \$50	entry/exit fees, taxi/parking, baggage
For each accompanying relative		

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19. Check one:

- a. I certify that I am an officer of the organization listed below.  *or*  
 b. N/A – sponsor is an individual or a U.S. institution of higher education.

20. I certify that I am not a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent for any sponsor of this trip.

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

Signature: 

Name: Peter Yeo

Title: Vice President, Public Policy and Advocacy

Organization: United Nations Foundation

Address: 1750 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20006

Telephone number: +1-202-887-9040

Email address: pyeo@unfoundation.org

If there are any questions regarding this form please contact the Committee at the following address:

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 1015 Longworth House Office Building  
 Washington, DC 20515  
 (202) 225-7103 (phone)  
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## U.S. House of Representatives

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Ms. Erin O'Quinn  
Office of the Honorable Ami Bera  
1431 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. O'Quinn:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to the Dominican Republic and Haiti,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for May 28 to June 4, 2017, sponsored by the United Nations Foundation. We note that this trip includes two days at your personal expense.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) 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. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$390 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 \$390] 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 filed with the Committee, and either turned over to the Clerk of the House, or, with the written approval of the Committee, retained for official use.

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<sup>1</sup> The U.S. Department of State has issued warnings concerning travel to Haiti, available at <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/alertswarnings/haiti-travel-warning.html>. You may wish to contact the State Department concerning the safety of your proposed trip.

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

Sincerely,



Susan W. Brooks  
Chairwoman



Theodore E. Deutch  
Ranking Member

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**Learning Trip to Haiti and  
the Dominican Republic  
May 28 – June 2, 2017**



*\*Schedule subject to change.\**

**Sunday, May 28** **Travel / Port-au-Prince**

*Weather: 85° F, sunny, humid. Attire: Casual.*

- 6:00am Depart DCA
- 4:00pm Arrive Port-au-Prince International Airport (PAP)  
Transfer to hotel
- 5:30pm Trip Overview and Orientation and Security Briefing  
*Led by UNF staff*
- 7:00pm Dinner
- Overnight Marriott Port-au-Prince  
147, Avenue Jean Paul II, Turgeau  
Tel: +509-2814-2820  
[www.haitimarriott.com](http://www.haitimarriott.com)

**Monday, May 29** **Port-au-Prince**

*Weather: 85° F, sunny, humid. Attire: Business Casual.*

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 9:00am – 10:30am United Nations Country Team Overview  
Participants: MINUSTAH, Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO),  
UNICEF, World Food Programme (WFP)  
*Topic: UN efforts in Haiti including health, children, peacekeeping*
- 11:00am – 11:45am Carter Center Briefing  
*Topic: Hispaniola program review for malaria and LF elimination*
- 11:45am – 12:15pm Briefing with the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB, and Malaria  
*Topic: Regional malaria elimination efforts*
- 12:30pm – 2:00pm Lunch
- 2:30pm – 3:00pm Courtesy Call with Ministry of Health and National Malaria Control  
Program  
*Topic: Discuss Malaria Zero consortium and success stories*

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- 3:30pm – 5:00pm Site visit to National Lab - Insectary  
*Topic: Surveillance strengthening and research for decision making*
- 7:00pm – 9:00pm Dinner
- Overnight Marriott Port-au-Prince

**Tuesday, May 30 Port-au-Prince**  
*Weather: 85° F, sunny, humid. Attire: Business Casual.*

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 9:00am – 9:30am U.S. Embassy: Courtesy call with Chargé or Acting DCM
- 9:30am – 10:15am Limited Country Team Meeting  
Participants: Political, Economic, Regional Security, others as appropriate  
*Topic: Overview of situation in Haiti*
- 10:30am – 12:00pm CDC/USAID briefing  
*Topic: Health Systems Strengthening, capacity building for malaria surveillance*
- 12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch
- 1:30pm – 4:30pm Field visit – USAID supported clinic  
*Learn from community health workers, see malaria detection and response in action*
- 7:00pm Dinner Event with Malaria No More and Malaria Zero Consortium  
*Discussion with partners and government officials on progress towards malaria elimination in Hispaniola and ongoing challenges*
- Overnight Marriott Port-au-Prince

**Wednesday, May 31 Travel Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic**  
*Weather: 80° F, sunny. Attire: Business Casual.*

- 5:30am Breakfast
- 6:00am Depart for airport
- 8:10am Depart Port-au-Prince on Sunrise Air
- 9:55am Arrive Santo Domingo Las Isabela  
Transfer to U.S. Embassy

Haiti/ DR Agenda

11:00am – 11:45am Courtesy Call with Ambassador/ Limited country team briefing  
11:45am – 12:30pm Lunch  
12:30pm – 1:15pm USAID/ CDC Briefing  
*Topic: DR malaria elimination efforts*  
1:15pm – 4:15pm Drive to Santiago  
4:15pm – 5:00pm Rest stop and Field Visit – Santiago (time permitting)  
Potential visit to USAID warehouse  
5:00pm – 8:00pm Drive to Dajabon  
8:15pm Dinner  
Overnight Las Villas Codevi, Dajabon

**Thursday, June 1 Dajabon/ Ouanaminthe**

*Weather: 82° F, sunny, humid. Attire: Field dress, close-toed shoes.*

7:00am Breakfast  
7:45am Depart CODEVI  
8:00am – 8:30am Meet with Community Health Workers (CHW)  
8:30am – 12:00pm Field Visit – Active Malaria Case Detection in Dajabon with CHW and CENCET  
12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch  
1:00pm – 2:00pm Cross border  
2:00pm – 5:00pm Field Visit – Active and Reactive Case Detection in Ouanaminthe with CDC and USAID  
5:00pm – 6:00pm Cross border  
6:00pm – 7:00pm Field Visit – Civil Society Organizations in Dajabon with Radio Marien  
7:15pm Dinner  
Overnight Las Villas Codevi

Haiti/ DR Agenda

Friday, June 7

Travel

*Weather: 80°F, sunny, humid. Attire. Casual.*

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| 7:00am – 8:00am | Breakfast  |
| 8:00am – 9:00am | Visit to Market to understand context of cross-border issues |
| 9:00am          | Depart Dajabon for Santiago                                  |
| 12:00pm         | Arrive Santiago  |
| 1:55pm          | Flight from Santiago (STI) to U.S.                           |
| 10:00pm         | Arrive DCA   |

**House Invitee List for the UN Foundation Learning Trip to  
Haiti and the Dominican Republic  
May 28 – June 2, 2017**

The following House Congressional staff have been invited to participate in this learning trip to Haiti and the Dominican Republic focused on malaria and other mosquito-borne diseases because they are responsible for issues related to global health or Latin America, foreign policy, the U.S.-UN relations, UN funding, humanitarian aid, and/or international development.

Invitee List

1. Aneiry Batista, Chief of Staff  
Rep. Adriano Espaillat (D-NY-13), House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
1630 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515
2. Hilary Ranieri, Military Legislative Assistant  
Rep. Cathy McMorris Rogers (R-WA-5), Chairwoman, House Republican Conference  
1314 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515
3. Sarah Trister, Deputy Chief of Staff  
Rep. David Cicilline (D-RI-1), House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
2244 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington DC 20515
4. Clay Boggs, Legislative Assistant  
Rep. Norma Torres (D-CA-35), Member of House Committee on Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere  
1713 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515
5. Erin O'Quinn, Legislative Director  
Rep. Ami Bera (D-CA-7), Member of House Committee on Foreign Affairs and Subcommittee on Global Health  
1431 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515
6. Derron Bennett, Legislative Director  
Rep. Al Lawson (D-FL-5)  
1337 Longworth House Office Building, Washington DC 20515
7. Shellie Bressler, Professional Staff Member, Oversight and Investigations, House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
Majority Staff, Chairman Ed Royce (R-CA)  
2170 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515
8. Sarah Miller, Legislative Correspondent  
Rep. Brian Mast (R-FL-18), Member of House Committee on Foreign Affairs  
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April 13, 2017

Erin O'Quinn  
Legislative Director  
Office of Congressman Ami Bera  
1431 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Ms. O'Quinn:

On behalf of the United Nations Foundation and our malaria-focused *Nothing But Nets* campaign, I would like to invite you to join an upcoming learning trip to Haiti and the Dominican Republic from May 28 – June 2, 2017.

The United Nations Foundation is a public charity that links the UN's work with others around the world, mobilizing the energy and expertise of policymakers, businesses, and NGOs to help the UN tackle global challenges. *Nothing But Nets* is a campaign dedicated to ending malaria comprised of hundreds of thousands of supporters, civil society and faith-based organizations, corporate partners, and celebrity ambassadors. As part of our mission, we organize learning trips throughout the year to places where Members of Congress and staff can see firsthand the lifesaving work of the UN and U.S. Government.

While malaria incidence in Hispaniola and the broader Americas region has decreased to levels much lower than in sub-Saharan Africa or Southeast Asia, low-level transmission often leads to inadequate funding and attention at a time that's critical to achieve elimination. It is also well-documented that U.S. investments in malaria help to strengthen countries' health systems overall, protecting against deadly outbreaks such as Ebola and Zika.

Taking to heart elimination successes in the fight to end polio, *Nothing But Nets* is focused on regional malaria elimination successes as milestones on the path to eventual eradication. An important first step is to eliminate malaria from the Caribbean, with the island of Hispaniola acting as the last bastion of the disease. While the Dominican Republic has made great strides in achieving pre-elimination status, relatively high levels of transmission in Haiti threaten island-wide progress. Moreover, malaria outbreaks in Haiti represented one-third of imported cases in the United States originating from the Americas during 2011-2014.

The UN Foundation will cover all expenses for the learning trip including airfare, accommodations, transport, and meals, in accordance with Ethics guidelines.

# UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION

As we begin the year with a new UN Secretary-General and new U. S. President, we hope that you will take this opportunity to learn more about how U.S. and UN investments in the fight against malaria are working to advance U.S. foreign policy, national security, and economic interests.

Sincerely,



Margaret Reilly McDonnell  
Director, *Nothing But Nets*  
United Nations Foundation