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EMPLOYEE POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

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: Eric Amidon

2. a. Name of accompanying relative: _____ ***or*** None ■
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

3. a. Dates of departure and return: Departure: Aug 18, 2019 (Arrival Aug 19) Return: Aug 26, 2019 (Arrival Aug 27)
   b. Dates at personal expense (if any): _____ ***or*** None ☐

4. Departure city: New York Destination: South Africia Return city: New York

5. Sponsor(s) (who paid for the trip): Conservation International

6. Describe meetings and events attended: Meetings and events pertaining to how America could best implement the DELTA Act that was recently passed and signed into law.

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: _____ DATE: 09/09/2019

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: Lee Zeldin DATE: 09/09/2019

SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISING MEMBER: _____

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Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form

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

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: Conservation International (primary trip sponsor)
   Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation (grantmaking sponsor)
2. Travel Destination(s): Zambia, Botswana, Namibia (Okavango Delta river Basin)
3. Date of Departure: August 18, 2019 (Arrival Aug. 19) Date of Return: Depart Aug. 26, 2019 (Arrival Aug. 27)
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Chris Crawford, Emma Norvell, Eric Amidon, Iain Hart, John Insinger (Senate staffer)
   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:

Good Faith Estimate	Total **Transportation** Expenses	Total **Lodging** Expenses	Total **Meal** Expenses	Total **Other** Expenses (dollar amount per item and description
Traveler	$3,941.5	$2,302.58 (Single) $1835.83 (Double room	$787.67	$50 Visa fees for Zambia
Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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: J. James Roth Date: 9/9/19

Name: James Roth Title: Senior Vice President, GPGR

Organization: Conservation International

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

Address: 2011 Crystal Dr. #600, Arlington, VA 22202

Telephone: 703-341-2400 Email: jroth@conservation.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.

Version date 12/2018 by Committee on Ethics

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Eric R. Amidon

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: Conservation International Foundation

3. City and State OR Foreign Country of Travel : Zambia, Botswana, Namibia

4. a. Date of Departure: August 18, 2019 (Arrive 8/19) Date of Return: August 26, 2019 (Arrive 8/27)

   b. Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense? ☐ Yes ☑ No

   If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____

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

   (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: _____

   (2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____

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

6. a. 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)? ☐ Yes ☑ No

   b. If yes, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night 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 Chief of Staff to a Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, it is important to understand the critical issues that are facing Southern Africa and how the United States can be helpful.

9. Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved planning, organizing, requesting, 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.

Signature of Employing Member _____ Date 7/19/2019

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Primary Trip Sponsor Form

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

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

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip: Conservation International 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): Please find list attached

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

6. Date of Departure: August 18, 2019 (Arrival Aug. 19) Date of Return: Depart Aug. 26, 2019 (Arrival Aug. 27)

7. a. City of departure: Arlington, VA
   b. Destination(s): Zambia, Botswana, Namibia (Okavango Delta river Basin)
   c. City of return: Arlington, VA

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: ☑
   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 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 that the statement is true by checking box:* ☑ OR
    b. *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education: ☐

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

13. *Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if neccessary:*
    a. Mode of travel: Air ☑ Rail ☐ Bus ☐ Car ☑ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
    b. Class of travel: Coach ☑ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☐ Other ☑ (specify: Commercial bush flights)
    c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
    Commercial Bush flights are required because road travel would present saftety or security risks and take a prohibitively long time (8+ hours).

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): The approximate cost per person per day is $51-$140. These prices reflect the only meal options available at the remote sites.
    2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See attached addendum

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
    Hotel Name: Please find attached City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
    Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
    Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
    Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
    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:* ☑

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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	$2,241.50	$2,669.50	$1,605
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	N/A	N/A

	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	N/A	N/A
For each Accompanying Family Member	N/A	NA

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

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 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: _____ Date: 07/18/19

Name: Richard B. Nash

Title: SVP and General Counsel

Organization: Conservation International Foundation

Address: 2011 Crystal Drive, Suite 600, Arlington, VA 22202

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

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August 15, 2019

Mr. Eric Amidon
Office of the Honorable Lee Zeldin
2441 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Amidon:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Namibia, Botswana, and Zambia,[1] scheduled for August 18 to 27, 2019, sponsored by Conservation International, with financial support from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation.

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 employees 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 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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[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 Sergeant at Arms (SAA) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. SAA 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,

Theodore E. Deutch
Chairman

Kenny Marchant
Ranking Member

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Primary Trip Sponsor Form Addendum

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:

Founded in 1987, Conservation International (CI) has worked with partners to protect more than 1.5 billion acres of the most critical landscapes and seascapes around the world. Today, the ties between conservation and security are clear. The world is less safe when criminals profit from stealing and poaching its wildlife and natural resources. Shortages of freshwater, food, and other natural resources lead to instability and conflict. Educating our guests on the need of targeted U.S. investment in international conservation and how these efforts contribute to America's long-term foreign policy objectives and enhance U.S. security. CI is the organizing/conducting trip sponsor.

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

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

Last year Congress passed the Defending Economic Livelihoods and Threatened Animals (DELTA) Act, legislation that specifically targets preservation of the Okavango Delta and the waterways and migrating wildlife that depend on it. Now law, the DELTA Act authorizes the U.S. Government to provide assistance for resource management and to combat illegal poaching and wildlife trafficking - deemed by Congress as national security threats to the United States. This trip will give senior Congressional staff a ground-level perspective on how the DELTA Act will help stabilize and preserve this large, remote and critically important region.

16. Reason(s) for Selecting:

Each specific lodge was chosen based on security concerns on the ground and proximity to those sites most important to accomplishing the educational purposes of the trip. Lodging close to these sites is quite limited and the chosen lodges were the best options available in close proximity to the sites that also permitted the group to stay together in a safe and secure hotel. Additional detail provided where appropriate in the table below:
Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name: Avani Resort **City:** Livingstone, Zambia **Cost Per Night:** $201.60
Reasons for Selecting: Best option available to keep the group together in the same location for security and proximity.

Hotel Name: Cresta Mowana Safari Resort **City:** Kasane, Botswana **Cost Per Night:** $382.95
Reasons for Selecting: Selected due to location of the Elephant Protection Initiative and availability in Chobe National Park during peak season.

Hotel Name: Lianshulu Bush Lodge **City:** Lianshulu, Namibia **Cost Per Night**$192.00
Reasons for Selecting: Availability in the Kavango-Zambezi (KAZA) Transfrontier Conservation area and to keep the group together in the same location for security and proximity.

Hotel Name: Capture Africa Mobil Camp **City:** Okavango, Botswana **Cost Per Night:** $659.00
Reasons for Selecting: It is important to stay in the Okavango Delta to showcase the conservation work within the region. Accommodations in the Okavango delta are expensive due to the rural and remote nature of the area. The group will be staying in canvas tents at this site to keep the costs as low as possible

Southern Africa Congressional Trip

Dates: August 19-26 (on ground)

Day 1 (Aug 19) – Livingstone/Vic Falls, Zambia

12:30 PM	Flight from Washington, DC to Livingstone, Zambia arrives, clear customs
1:30 – 2:30 PM	Transfer to Avani Resort, check-in.
3:00 – 5:30 PM	Visit Victoria Falls where we will hear an overview of the upcoming trip, including the major conservation efforts by each organization, and how they relate to decision making by the U.S. Government.
5:30 – 7:00 PM	Welcome dinner.

Day 2 (Aug 20) – Chobe National Park, Botswana

6:30 – 11:00 AM	Road transfer from Livingstone to Kasane (clear customs at border)
11:00 – 12:00 AM	Check in to Cresta Mowana Safari Resort, Kasane, Botswana
12:00 – 3:00 PM	Lunch with **Ruud Jansen**, Executive Secretary of Gaborone Declaration For Sustainability in Africa to hear about the Elephant Protection Initiative (EPI) The Elephant Protection Initiative (EPI) is an Africa-led solution to the elephant crisis. Conservation International, along with Stop Ivory, are Co-Secretariats of the Initiative, which includes 18 African nations and 26 leading international NGOs and IGOs. EPI works to support and deliver upon two key international agreements: the 2010 African Elephant Action Plan – signed by all 38 African countries with remaining elephant populations – and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.
3:00 – 6:00 PM	Afternoon game drive to witness firsthand the Elephant prides, and other wildlife, benefitting from EPI conservation efforts.
7:00 – 8:30 PM	Dinner and further discussion on Elephant Protection Initiative, especially as it relates US Government involvement and decision making.

Day 3 (Aug 21) – Chobe National Park, Botswana

6:30 – 10:30 AM Early morning game drive to continue the viewing and discussion of the elephant prides and the conservation efforts in the region.

11:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch and discussion with **Julia Levin,** Country Director from Conservation South Africa.

> Conservation International has been piloting work with communities to eliminate the sources of conflict between cattle farmers and wildlife protection and restore traditional rangelands. Conservation International is now expanding this successful program to Botswana.

2:00 – 5:00 PM Afternoon drive visit communities and wildlife rangelands to better understand the conflicts and solutions from a field perspective.

6:30 – 8:30 PM Dinner and presentation by WCS Central Africa Regional Director, **Emma Stokes,** regarding the successful model(s) of USG investment in CARPE.

> The Central Africa Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE) is a long-term initiative of the United States Government to promote sustainable forest management, biodiversity conservation, and climate change mitigation in the Congo Basin through increased local, national, and regional natural resource management capacity.

Day 4 (Aug 22) – Caprivi Region, Namibia

9:00 – 10:00 AM Transfer to Kasane airport

10:00 – 10:30 AM Bush plane flight Kasane- Katima Mulilo Airport (clear customs)

11:30 – 11:45 AM Transfer to Lianshulu Bush Lodge, Zambezi Region, Namibia

12:00 – 1:00 PM Lunch

2:00 – 5:30 PM Afternoon drive to visit private concessions

> Visit private concession connected with KAZA supporting changes in Namibia and Zambia's national policy framework, including giving communities the right to manage and benefit from their own wildlife. Getting that legal framework right is at the core of community-based conservation, and fundamental to the achievement of the KAZA vision.

7:00 – 8:30 PM Dinner and further discussion on the private concession visits, especially as it relates US Government involvement and decision making.

Day 5 (Aug 23) – Caprivi Region, Namibia

6:30 – 10:00 AM	Early morning drive to continue the site visits to communities within the private concessions.
11:30 – 2:00 PM	Lunch and discussion with representatives from the Kavango Zambezi Transfrontier Conservation Area (KAZA TFCA)

> KAZA TFCA was established to sustainably manage the Kavango Zambezi ecosystem, its heritage and cultural resources based on best conservation and tourism models for the socio-economic wellbeing of the communities and other stakeholders in and around the eco-region through harmonization of policies, strategies and practices.

3:00 – 6:30 PM	Visit community sites directly supported by KAZA TFCA
7:30 – 9:00 PM	Dinner and further discussion on the work KAZA TFCA is doing in the region, especially as it relates US Government involvement and decision making.

Day 6 (Aug 24) – Okavango Delta

8:00 – 11:00 AM	Flight Lianshulu Bush Lodge- Katima Mulilo (clear customs)-Kasane
11:30 – 12:00 PM	Transfer and check in Capture Africa Mobile Camp, Okavango Delta, Botswana
12:30 – 1:00 PM	Lunch with The Nature Conservancy Okavango Director Sekgowa Motsumi to discuss the conservation efforts of OKACOM (the Permanent Okavango River Basin Water Commission) as well as the impact of the recently enacted Defending Economic Livelihoods and Threatened Animals (DELTA) Act.

> Signed into law in December 2018, the Defending Economic Livelihoods and Threatened Animals (DELTA) Act, aims to promote sustainable economic growth through trans-boundary conservation programs in the Okavango River Basin. This DELTA Act directs the Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development to work with Angola, Botswana, Namibia, and neighboring countries to develop a strategy to: (1) promote responsible natural resource and wildlife management practices in the greater Okavango River Basin, (2) protect migration routes of elephants and other threatened wildlife species, (3) combat wildlife poaching and trafficking, (4) address local health needs, and (5) catalyze economic growth.

During the first-hand excursions OKACOM and Mr. Motsumi will discuss the potential impact of the DELTA Act and how the conservation and policy strategies being enacted in the region are critical for maintaining this incredible ecosystem.

2:30 – 4:30 PM	Afternoon mokoro (traditional canoe) excursion to highlight the region and gain a deeper understanding of the work of OKACOM, especially as it relates to the DELTA Act.
6:30 – 8:30 PM	Dinner with Okavango River Basin Commission (OKACOM) as well as Sekgowa Motsumi, TNC Okavango Director

Day 7 (Aug 25) – Okavango Delta

6:30 – 10:30 AM	Early morning boat trip with the intent of diving deeper into the Okavango Region, and exploring further into the bush to understand better the vast conservation issues of this unique region.
11:30 – 1:00 PM	Lunch and further discussion with staff from OKACOM
2:30 – 5:30 PM	Afternoon game drive to gain a terrestrial perspective to the conservation issues.
6:30 – 8:00 PM	Final farewell dinner, to include a discussion of all that we have seen and how the US Government involvement and decision making can greatly support these important and critical conservation efforts.

Day 8 (Aug 26) – Travel day

9:30 – 11:00 AM	Early afternoon flight to Maun International Airport
2:30 PM	International commercial flights home Maun

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CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

July 10, 2019

Dear Mr. Amidon,

I am pleased to invite you on a seven-day trip to Southern Africa to experience firsthand how U.S. investment in international conservation efforts contribute to America's long-term foreign policy objectives and enhance U.S. economic and national security interests around the globe.

Trip participants will depart from the U.S. on Sunday, August 18, 2019, and meet with the rest of the delegation in Livingston, Zambia, on Monday, August 19. The trip ends with departure from Livingston on August 26. Conservation International will cover the cost of airfare, ground transportation, lodging and meals.

On this trip, we will learn about U.S.-supported efforts to combat wildlife trafficking and poaching to curb the damaging effects of the illicit wildlife trade. We will learn of the important role that cross-border collaboration has in protecting wildlife, enhancing ecotourism and providing adequate livelihoods to the 1 million residents of the Okavango River Basin. These conservation efforts play a significant role in protecting nature for the benefit of humanity.

Considering Southern Africa's vital role in regional and global biodiversity, we will see where international conservation efforts are proving to be highly successful and how lessons learned from this region can be applied to other regions around the globe.

During the trip there will be meetings with government officials from Botswana, Namibia and Zambia. We will also meet with regional U.S. Government officials, representatives from local non-governmental organizations, corporate partners and wildlife conservation experts.

Careful efforts have been made to make this experience valuable to your work. Therefore, we will provide you with brief reading materials that will provide information and insight into U.S.-supported conservation efforts in the region.

In closing, this trip has come together rather quickly and your decision to attend is requested as soon as possible, the Ethics Committees require travel paperwork to be submitted by July 19. We look forward to seeing you in Southern Africa.

Sincerely,

Dawson J. Hunter

Dawson Hunter
Senior Director
U.S. Government and Policy
Conservation International

Invitations Sent

Conservation International has invited the following staffers on a seven-day trip to Africa due to their or their members efforts in the field of conservation.

First	Last	Position	Member	Email
John	Insinger	Chief of Staff	Sen. Risch	
Chris	Crawford	Chief of Staff	Rep. Carter	
Eric	Amidon	Chief of Staff	Rep. Zeldin	
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