



U.S. House of Representatives COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form

Original Amendment

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, B-81 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: Thomas Rice
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ OR None
 b. Relationship to Traveler: Spouse Child Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 2/15/20 Return: 2/22/20
 b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: 2/21/20 OR None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Kigali, Rwanda Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: U.N. Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: We held meetings throughout Rwanda to see the unique work of the One UN Structure in the country and see real-time how they aid in development
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 *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 statement is true by checking the box:
 b. If not, explain: _____

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

Signature of Traveler:  Date: 3/11/20

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: Michael T. McCaul Date: 3/11/20

Signature of Supervising Member: 



**UNF Learning Trip to Rwanda
February 15 – 21, 2020**

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

Saturday, February 15 --- Travel

Attire: Casual.

5:40pm Depart Dulles International Airport (IAD) on KLM 652 to Amsterdam
Flight time 7h25

Sunday, February 16 --- Travel/Arrival

Attire: Casual.

7:05am Arrive Amsterdam
Layover 2h50

9:55am Depart AMS on KLM 535 to Kigali
Flight time 8h20

7:15pm Arrive Kigali International Airport (KGL)

8:00pm Transit via hired car to Kigali Marriott Hotel

Overnight Kigali Marriott Hotel
KN 3 Avenue, Nyarugenge District, Kigali, Rwanda
Tel: +250 222 111 111

Monday, February 17 --- Kigali

Attire: Business casual.

7:45am – 8:15am Breakfast at the hotel

8:15am – 8:30am Transit via hired car to UN Rwanda Office

8:30am – 9:00am **UN Security Briefing**

The delegation will receive a briefing from the UN Department of Safety and Security detailing the current political/security situation in Rwanda and provide guidance on any safety protocols that must be adhered to during the course of the learning trip.

Location: UN Rwanda Office

9:00am – 10:30am **UN Country Team Briefing**

The delegation will have high-level discussions with representatives from all of the primary UN agencies operating in Rwanda and receive a collective briefing to learn about the UN's primary mission and objectives in Rwanda.

This meeting is an important introduction for the delegation to gain an understanding of the Rwanda context, UN's overall footprint in Rwanda, its diverse and varied mandates, and how different agencies collaborate with the U.S. Government and other Development partners on a number of projects.

Location: UN Rwanda Office

10:30am – 11:15am Transit via hired car to Mara Phone Factory

11:15am – 12:30pm **Tour of Mara Phone Factory**

The delegation will tour the Mara Phone factory—the first smartphone manufactured exclusively in Africa. Mara Phone is committed to enhancing and enriching the lives of the people of Africa through long-term, high-quality job creation. The delegation will meet with factory leadership and workers to discuss economic developments in Rwanda.

This tour and meeting will help the delegation understand how the private sector, together with the Rwandan government, is working to achieve the UN Sustainable Development Goals in Rwanda, namely Goal 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure).

Location: Mara Phone Factory

12:30pm – 1:00pm Transit via hired car to Repub Lounge

1:00pm – 2:00pm Lunch at Repub Lounge

2:00pm – 2:30pm Transit via hired car to RWASHOSCCO Coffee (USADF Recipient)

2:30pm – 3:30pm **Tour of RWASHOSCCO Coffee**

In post-genocide Rwanda, coffee farming has been a boon to small farmers looking to rebuild livelihoods. RWASHOSCCO is a women-run and Fair Trade Certified Small Holder Specialty Coffee Company in Kigali comprised of six farmers' cooperatives, representing the interests of nearly 14,000 farmers. RWASHOSCCO has built a strong reputation as one of Rwanda's top small coffee businesses with an internationally recognized Maraba Coffee brand.

The U.S. African Development Foundation, an independent federal agency established to support African-led development, provided RWASHOSCCO with a modest investment of \$100,000. RWASHOSCCO's business quickly developed and USADF provided a

second grant of \$392,200 to expand market growth opportunities and the company's visibility in the international specialty coffee space.

This visit demonstrates the important work USADF is doing to economically empower Rwandans, combat extreme poverty, and create communities of collaboration and prosperity.

Location: RWASHOSCCO Coffee

3:30pm – 4:00pm Transit via hired car to Gahaya Links (USADF recipient)

4:00pm – 4:45pm **Tour of Gahaya Links**

Gahaya Links is a handicraft company founded by sisters Joy Ndunguste and Janet Nkubana, who returned to Kigali after the genocide and realized the opportunity to use traditional Rwandan weaving as a means of income generation to help the thousands of women who were left as widows, single mothers, and orphans. They founded Gahaya Links as a training facility and marketplace to economically empower Rwandan women, and today manage a network of over 4,000 weavers. Gahaya Links is known for its traditional Rwandan baskets as well as other handicrafts, and were the first Rwandan handicraft export company to benefit from the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). USADF first invested in Gahaya Links in 2007, and since then they have had products sold in Macy's.

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Location: Gahaya Links

4:45pm – 5:00pm Transit via hired car to Kigali Marriot

5:00pm – 6:50pm Executive Time

6:50pm – 7:00pm Transit via hired car to Heaven Restaurant

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Working Dinner with U.S. Department of State and USAID**

The delegation will have a working dinner with Belinda Jackson Farrier, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Rwanda and Leslie Marbury, USAID Mission Director to discuss U.S.-Rwanda relations, joint U.S.-UN development projects, and upcoming opportunities for increased congressional engagement and dialogue.

This working dinner is critical to providing an official U.S. perspective on recent developments in Rwanda and preparing participants for the next two days, which will be spent travelling outside Kigali.

Location: Heaven Restaurant

The entirety of the allotted time for the working dinner will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

8:30pm – 8:40pm Transit via hired car to Kigali Marriott Hotel

Overnight Kigali Marriot Hotel

Tuesday, February 18 --- Kigali/Field

Attire: Field Dress.

5:30am – 6:00am Breakfast at the hotel

6:00am – 8:30am Transit via hired car to Nyabihu District to Visit Early Childhood Development Centers (ECD)

8:30am – 9:30 am **Visit Nyabihu Tea Factory ECD Center (Private Sector Model)**

Location: Nyabihu District

9:30am – 9:50 am Transit to Nyabihu Model ECD Center

9:50am – 11:30am **Visit Nyabihu Model ECD Center**

The delegation will meet with UN staff, local partners, mothers, caregivers, and children to see how the UN is offering parenting education opportunities, improving access to water, sanitary and hygiene facilities, and supporting child protection and nutrition initiatives through Private-Based and Model ECD Centers.

This visit will help the delegation understand how UN is working in rural settings to help working parents and at-risk children live healthy, productive lives.

Location: Nyabihu District

11:30am – 12:30pm Transit via hired car to Rubavu-Goma Border (lunch in the car)

12:30pm – 2:00pm **Observe Ebola Preparedness Activities**

The delegation will visit Rubavu District to see how One UN Rwanda is working with the Ministry of Health, Local Authorities, national and international partners to strengthen core capacities for risk communication, surveillance, early detection, rapid response and containment in the event of Ebola Virus Disease importation into Rwanda from DRC.

This visit will help the delegation understand the vital, lifesaving work the UN is undertaking, with support from the U.S. Government, to prevent Ebola

from spreading from Eastern DR Congo to Rwanda. These efforts are critical to ensuing major population centers in Rwanda and beyond are not afflicted by this deadly virus.

Location: Rubavu District

2:00pm – 5:45pm Transit via hired car to Kigali Marriott Hotel

5:45pm – 7:00pm Executive Time

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Working Dinner with UN Resident Coordinator and Heads of UN Agencies providing protection and assistance to people of concern in Rwanda**

The delegation will have a working dinner with the UN Resident Coordinator and Representatives of UNHCR, WFP, UNICEF, IOM, UNFPA, UNDP and UN WOMEN. The discussions will focus on recent evacuation of vulnerable people at risk stranded in Libya, currently hosted in Gashora Transit Centre awaiting durable solutions, as well as discuss on humanitarian assistance provided in response to Congolese and Burundian refugees in Rwanda.

To date, 306 People of Concern (PoCs) have been evacuated from Libya to Rwanda under Emergency Transit Mechanism framework set up following tripartite Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on September 10, 2019 by the Government of Rwanda, African Union. and UNHCR to rescue the refugees and asylum-seekers from Libya. There are additional other 150,000 refugees hosted in Rwanda, including refugees from DRC (48.9%) and Burundian refugees (50.8%).

This dinner will update participants on these evacuation operations and provide a look-ahead at the potential impact the ongoing crisis in Burundi may have on Rwanda.

Location: Kigali Marriot Hotel

The entirety of the allotted time for the working dinner will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

Overnight Kigali Marriot Hotel

Wednesday, February 19 --- Kigali/Field

Attire: Field Dress.

7:00am – 7:30am Breakfast at the hotel

7:30am – 10:00am Transit via hired car to Ngoma District

10:00am – 11:30am **Meeting with Economic Empowerment of Rural Women in Rwanda (RWEE) Cooperative**

The delegation will meet with members of the RWEE Cooperative to learn how UN is enhancing rural women's economic livelihoods, expanding political and civil society participation, and creating national gender responsive policies.

This visit will help the delegation understand how multiple UN agencies are working together to lift up female voices and achieve UN Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender Equality), Goal 1 (poverty) and Goal 2 (hunger).

Location: Sake Sector, Ngoma District

11:30am – 12:30pm Transit via hired car to Bugesera District (lunch in the car)

12:30pm – 3:30pm **Tour of Bugesera Pilot Reconciliation Villages**

The delegation will tour the Bugesera Pilot Reconciliation Villages—a unique community where genocide victims and genocide perpetrators who completed their prison sentences are living together peacefully and working together to implement development initiatives.

The UN is working with the Government, particularly the National Unity and Reconciliation Commission and Prison Fellowship Rwanda, to sustain the reconciliation efforts at community level through focusing on promoting peaceful cohabitation between genocide perpetrators and victims. This facilitates smooth reintegration of genocide perpetrators in the communities upon completion of their sentence.

This visit is important for the delegation to understand the resilience of the Rwandan people following the tragic genocide against the Tutsi of 1994 and the role the UN is playing in helping advance recovery, unity, and reconciliation.

Participants will meet directly with residents and hear their personal stories.

Location: Bugesera District

3:30pm – 4:00pm Transit via hired car to Nyamata Genocide Memorial

4:00pm – 5:30pm **Visit and Guided Tour of Nyamata Genocide Memorial Sites**

One of Rwanda's National Genocide Memorial Sites, this memorial was built on the site of the Nyamata Catholic Church where some 5,000 people seeking safety were brutally murdered during the height of the Rwanda genocide. The memorial houses victims' clothes and their belongings and mass graves situated behind the building contain the bodies of 45,308 genocide victims.

The delegation will participate in a wreath laying ceremony.

This visit is important for the delegation to understand the real-life impact of the tragic genocide against the Tutsi of 1994 and the massive societal progress Rwanda has made over the last 25 years.

Location: Nyamata Genocide Memorial

5:30pm – 6:30pm Transit via hired car to Kigali Marriott Hotel

6:30pm – 7:00pm Executive Time

7:00pm – 8:00pm Dinner (no official programming)

Location: Kigali Marriott Hotel

Overnight Kigali Marriott Hotel

Thursday, February 20 --- Kigali

Attire: Business.

7:30am – 9:00am **Working Breakfast with Rwandan Government Officials**

The delegation will have a working breakfast with the Hon. Dr. Vincent Biruta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation and Hon. Uzziel Ndagijimana, Minister of Finance and Economic Planning to discuss Rwanda's foreign policy goals and economic development priorities, successes, and challenges.

The working breakfast will allow the delegation to interface directly with Rwandan government officials, ask questions about U.S.-Rwanda relations and previous site visits, and explore potential post-learning trip dialogue opportunities.

Location: Kigali Marriot Hotel

The entirety of the allotted time for the working breakfast will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

9:00am – 9:30am Transit via hired car to CARL Group Office

9:30am – 11:00am **Meeting with CARL Group YouthConnekt Beneficiaries**

The delegation will meet with Rwandan entrepreneurs Clarisse Murekatete (age 25), Ada Elyse Irirashenono (age 26), Larissa Uwase (age 26) and Regis Umugiraneza (age 30), co-owners of CARL Group, a youth-led Rwandan start-up focused on sustainable agriculture and green technology.

This meeting will introduce the delegation to young entrepreneurs who are working with 200 female sweet potato growers to manufacture Vit-A bread, a first of its kind sweet potato-based bread that aims to ensure locals have access to affordable nutrition options. The three young entrepreneurs were nominated in 2016 by the World Economic Forum on Africa as one of the top 5 female tech innovators on the continent and were YouthConnekt Beneficiaries, a youth empowerment program created in collaboration with the Government of Rwanda and the UN.

Location: CARL Group Office

11:00am – 11:30am Transit via hired car to Kacyiru Isange One Stop Center

11:30am – 1:00pm **Tour of Kacyiru Isange One Stop Center**

Supported in part by the UN, the Kacyiru Isange One Stop Center provides timely, affordable, and comprehensive support to victims of Gender Based Violence (GBV) and child abuse.

This visit will demonstrate how the UN, together with law enforcement and medical professionals, is supporting victims of GBV by reducing the distance they need to travel to report crimes, avoiding risks of tainted evidence, ensuring safety and security of victims, and enhancing coordination among various government agencies involved in responding to crimes committed against women and children.

Location: Kacyiru Isange One Stop Center

1:00pm – 1:15pm Transit via hired car to Brachetto Restaurant

1:15pm – 2:15pm **Working Lunch Debrief with UN Rwanda and U.S. Embassy Staff**

This working lunch will allow participants to discuss lessons learned, post-learning trip follow-up, and potential opportunities for continued engagement and coordination with UN Rwanda and U.S. Embassy staff.

The entirety of the allotted time for the working lunch will be spent covering officially-connected activity.

NB: In case Rwandan Government Officials confirm their availability, they could also be invited to this lunch.

Location: Brachetto Restaurant

2:15pm – 2:45pm Transit via hired car to Parliamentary Building

2:45pm – 3:45pm **Meeting with Rwandan Parliament Official**

The delegation will meet with Hon. Donatille Mukabalisa, Speaker, Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of Rwanda to discuss U.S.-Rwanda relations and the work the Government of Rwanda is taking, and has taken, to achieve UN Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender Equality).

This meeting will underscore the gains that post-genocide Rwanda has made and the lessons the country has learned in becoming a more inclusive society, particularly becoming the first nation in the world to achieve a female-majority national legislature.

Location: Parliamentary Building

- 3:45pm – 4:00pm Transit via hired car to Caplaki Craft Village
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm **Tour of Caplaki Craft Village (Cultural Visit—Optional Activity)**

Location: Caplaki Craft Village.

- 5:00pm – 5:30pm Executive Time and prepare for departure to airport
- 5:30pm Transit via hired car to KGL
- 8:20pm Depart Kigali on KLM 539 to Amsterdam via Entebbe
- 10:30pm Arrive Entebbe
Passengers will not disembark
- 11:30pm Depart Entebbe on KLM 539 to Amsterdam
Flight time 8h30

Friday, February 21 --- Travel

Attire: Casual.

- 6:00am Arrive Amsterdam
Layover 7h20
- 1:20pm Depart AMS on KLM 651 to Dulles
Flight time 8h45
- 4:05pm Arrive IAD

