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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: Daniel Jacob Middlebrooks
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ *OR* None ☑
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. **Dates:** Departure: April 1, 2023 Return: April 8, 2023
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ *OR* None ☑
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Madagascar Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: United Nations Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: The group met with UN partners in the country, the US Ambassador and embassy team, and Madagascar government officials to learn more about US assistance efforts.
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: _____

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

Signature of Traveler: _____ **Date:** April 18, 2023

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: Rep. Jake LaTurner **Date:** April 18, 2023

Signature of Supervising Member: _____

Version date 12/2018 by Committee on Ethics

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SPONSOR POST-TRAVEL DISCLOSURE FORM

☒ *Original* ☐ *Amendment*

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

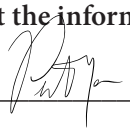
1. Sponsor(s) who paid for the trip: United Nations Foundation
2. Travel Destination(s): Antananarivo and Ambovombe, Madagascar
3. Date of Departure: April 1, 2023 Date of Return: April 8, 2023
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Jaqlyn Alderete, Alexandra Davis, Jake Middlebrooks, Gisselle Reynolds, John Stout

   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	$5,022.15	$531.37	$290.83	$85.31 (translators) $38 (visa) $9.23 (cultural activity/guide)
Accompanying Family Member				

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: April 17, 2023

Name: Peter Yeo Title: Senior Vice President

Organization: United Nations Foundation

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

Address: 1750 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20006

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

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

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection. **This form, and any attachments, may be faxed to the Committee at 202-225-7392, sent or delivered to the Committee at 1015 Longworth, or e-mailed to travel.requests@mail.house.gov.**

Your completed request must be submitted to the Committee no less than 30 days before your proposed departure date. Absent exceptional circumstances, permission will not be granted for requests received less than 30 days before the trip commences. **You must receive explicit approval from the Committee before you depart on this trip.**

Name of Traveler: Daniel Jacob Middlebrooks

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

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

Signature:

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Rep. Jake LaTurner

Office Address: 2441 Rayburn HOB

Telephone Number: 202-225-6601

Email Address of Contact Person: jake.middlebrooks@mail.house.gov

☐ Check this box if the sponsoring entity is a media outlet, the purpose of the trip is to make a media appearance sponsored by that entity, *and* these forms are being submitted to the Committee less than 30 days before the trip departure date.

NOTE: You must complete all of the contact information fields above, as Committee staff may need to contact you if additional information is required.

KEEP A COPY OF THIS FORM. Page 2 (but not this page) must be submitted to the Clerk as part of the post-travel disclosure required by House Rule 25. Travel Regulation § 404(d) also requires you to keep a copy of all request forms and supporting paperwork for three subsequent Congresses from the date of travel.

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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Daniel Jacob Middlebrooks

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying for the trip: United Nations Foundation

3. Travel Destination(s): Antananarivo and Ambovombe, Madagascar

4. a. Date of Departure: April 1, 2023 Date of Return: April 8, 2023

   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 legislative director for a member on the SFOPS subcommittee for appropriations, his trip will help me to better understand how congressional funding for the United Nations and foreign aid is being used, whether it is effective, and where there is room for improvement.

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 3/2/23

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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:
   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:
   Eleanor Crook Foundation
4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary):
   Please see attached.
5. Yes ☐ No ■ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of departure: April 1, 2023 Date of return: April 8, 2023
7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC
   b. Destination(s): Antananarivo and Ambovombe, Madagascar
   c. City of return: Washington, DC
8. ***Check only one.*** I represent that:
   a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965: **OR**
   b. ■ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent: **OR**
   c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.
9. ***Check only one of the following***:
   a. ■ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
   b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
   c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
   d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted:

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10. ☒ Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. ***Check only one of the following***:
    a. ☒ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify 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:
    Please see attached.

13. ***Answer parts a and b. Answer part c if necessary***:
    a. Mode of travel: Air ☒ Rail ☐ Bus ☒ Car ☒ Other ☐ (specify:_____)
    b. Class of travel: Coach ☒ Business ☐ First ☐ Charter ☒ Other ☐ (specify: _____)
    c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:
    Please see attached.

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 the 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):
    $65 in Antananarivo; $54 in Ambovombe
    2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip:
    Please see attached.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
    Hotel Name: Radisson Blu Hotel City: Antananarivo Cost Per Night: $198
    Reason(s) for Selecting: Favorable cost and location.
    Hotel Name: Berenty Lodge City: Ambovombe Cost Per Night: $113
    Reason(s) for Selecting: Favorable cost and location.
    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 the 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	$4,486	$820	$303
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	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	$10; $300	Madagascar visa; Translation services
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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 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: Feb. 16, 2023

Name: Peter Yeo Title: Senior Vice President

Organization: United Nations Foundation

Address: 1750 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20006

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

INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the agenda, invitation list, any attachments, and any *Additional Trip Sponsor Forms* directly to the Travelers.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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ADDITIONAL TRIP SPONSOR FORM

This form should be completed by an organization that provides funds, services, or in-kind assistance to another entity to underwrite, in whole or in part, a trip or an event, meal, or activity that will occur during a trip, or a necessary expense that will be incurred during a trip, with express or implicit knowledge or understanding that one or more House Members or employees may participate in or attend that trip or event, or otherwise may be beneficiaries of the gift or donation. **Provide a copy of your completed form to the primary sponsor of the trip.**

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. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor: United Nations Foundation
2. Name of your organization: Eleanor Crook Foundation

3. Yes ☒ No ☐ Is your organization designated a § 501(c)(3) charitable organization by the Internal Revenue Service?
4. Yes ☐ No ☒ Does your organization receive funding from any foreign government or multinational organization?
5. ***Check one.*** I certify that my organization:
   a. ☒ Has provided a grant, gift, or donation to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor and conducts an audit or review of its grant, gift, or donation to ensure that the funds are spent in accordance with the terms of its grant, gift, or donation. **OR**
   b. ☐ Has had a direct role in the organizing, planning, or conducting of a trip to
      Destination: _____ on Date: _____
      that is being organized or arranged by the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor. **OR**
   c. ☐ Has provided in-kind support to the above-named Primary Trip Sponsor (*e.g.,* meeting planning assistance, meeting space and set-up, and paying for expenses related to this trip directly to the service provider).
6. ***Check only one:***
   a. ☒ My organization does not employ or retain a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent **OR**
   b. ☐ My organization employs a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but their involvement in planning, organizing, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the travel regulations.
7. 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;
   c. I am an officer of this organization and am duly authorized to sign this form; and
   d. The information on this form is true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: Kimberly Cernak Digitally signed by Kimberly Cernak Date: 2022.05.25 15:02:02 -04'00' Date: 05/25/2022

Name: Kimberly Cernak Title: Managing Director

Organization: Eleanor Crook Foundation

Address: 1049 30th St NW, Washington DC 20036

Email: kim@eleanorcrookfoundation.org Telephone: 202-834-0207

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INSTRUCTIONS

Complete the *Additional Trip Sponsor Form* and submit the forms directly to the Primary Trip Sponsor.

Written approval from the Committee on Ethics is required before traveling on this trip. The Committee on Ethics will notify the House invitees directly and will not notify the trip sponsors.

Willful or knowing misrepresentation on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.

For questions, please contact the Committee on Ethics at:

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More information and forms available at **ethics.house.gov**

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March 23, 2023

Mr. Jake Middlebrooks
Office of the Honorable Jake LaTurner
2441 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Middlebrooks:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Madagascar,[1] scheduled for April 1 to 8, 2023, sponsored by United Nations Foundation and Eleanor Crook 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 $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 employees 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.

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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 Office of House Security (OHS) for a safety and security briefing prior to your departure. OHS may be reached at (202) 226-2044 or ohsstaff@mail.house.gov. House travelers should also register for the U.S. State Department's Smart Traveler Enrollment Program at https://step.state.gov.

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

Sincerely,

Michael Guest
Chairman

Susan Wild
Ranking Member

MG/SW:emw

UN Foundation Congressional Learning Trip to Madagascar
Answers to Primary Trip Sponsor Form Questions 4, 12, 13c, and 15b2

4. Names and titles of all House invitees and explanation of why the individual was invited:

The following individuals have been invited to participate in this learning trip to Madagascar because they work on issues related to nutrition, global health, agriculture, U.S. foreign policy, U.S.-UN relations, international organizations, and/or associated subjects.

Giselle Reynolds, Legislative Director
Rep. Mario Diaz-Balart

Ian Merritt, Legislative Assistant
Rep. Chuck Fleischman

Daniel Tidwell, Deputy Chief of Staff
Rep. Chuck Fleischmann

Jake Middlebrooks, Legislative Director
Rep. Jake LaTurner

Zachary Weidlich, Legislative Director
Rep. Jerry Carl

Hakel Hapner, Legislative Assistant
Rep. Jerry Carl

Cam Madsen, Legislative Director
Rep. Chris Stewart

Connor Meyers, Senior Legislative Assistant
Rep. Chris Stewart

Jaqlyn Alderete, Legislative Assistant
Rep. Lois Frankel

Alexandra Davis, Professional Staff Member
House Foreign Affairs Committee

Zachary Isakowitz, Legislative Director
Rep. Michael McCaul

Molly Joseph, Legislative Assistant
Rep. Ann Wagner

Nick Rockwell, Legislative Director

Rep. Glenn Thompson

Christofer Horta, Legislative Director
Rep. David Scott

Delayne Hyatt, Legislative Director
Rep. Nathaniel Moran

Remy Fortin, Legislative Director
Rep. Bill Huizenga

Arian Beckwith, Legislative Director
Rep. John James

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Rep. Jim Baird

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Rep. Tom Kean

Alex Cisneros, Legislative Director
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Rep. Michael Waltz

Jed Ober, Chief of Staff
Rep. Susan Wild

Alec Daman, Legislative Assistant
Rep. Bill Huizenga

John Stout, Legislative Assistant
Rep. Tim Burchett

12. Description of the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip and its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:

The UN Foundation (UNF) works to educate all Americans, including the U.S. Congress, on the importance of a strong U.S.-UN relationship, with a particular focus on global health issues such as child nutrition and food security. This learning trip provides an opportunity for policymakers to better understand how the UN is working to prevent and treat severe acute malnutrition, alleviate food insecurity, and generally promote good health and well-being in Madagascar.

The Eleanor Crook Foundation (ECF) was founded in 1997 with a single goal: to eradicate global malnutrition. ECF invests in research that proves what methods work, policy analysis to drive systems reform, and advocacy that makes the case for urgent action to address this global crisis. In 2017, the Foundation pledged $100 million towards the elimination of global malnutrition.

UNF is organizing all aspects of the program/logistics. UNF handles all outreach to congressional offices and is the contact for planning purposes. UNF received a grant from ECF to partially support this trip. ECF has not played any role in organizing this trip and has not been involved in the selection or invitation of the trip participants.

13c. If travel will be first class, or by chartered or private aircraft, explain why such travel is warranted:

The delegation will be traveling roundtrip from Antananarivo to Amobvombe via chartered United Nations Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) flights, which is the only way to fly to/from Amobvombe. UNHAS, which is managed by the World Food Programme (WFP), offers safe, reliable, cost-efficient, and effective passenger and light cargo transport for the wider humanitarian community to and from areas of crisis and intervention. UNHAS responds to the need for access to the world's most remote and challenging locations, often under precarious security conditions, where no safe surface transport or viable commercial aviation options are available. UNHAS only offers coach travel classes.

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

While often overlooked, Madagascar is suffering through what's been referred to as potentially the world's first climate-change famine—a massive humanitarian crisis sparked, in part, by prolonged drought, cyclones, sandstorms, and other extreme weather that's decimated agricultural production and left an estimated 2 million people in the south of the country in acute food insecurity and 500,000 children under the age of 5 suffering from acute malnutrition. With livelihoods and food access severely jeopardized by the crisis, Madagascar has become one of the top five countries most affected by hunger and malnutrition, according to the Global Hunger Index 2022.

Over the course of five days, the delegation will see how the UN System is collaboratively responding to these significant challenges. The delegation will spend time in Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar, meeting with the UN Resident Coordinator, U.S. Ambassador to

Madagascar, and the Government of Madagascar. They will then travel south to see the impacts of the situation up close, meeting with colleagues from UNICEF, WFP, FAO, IFAD, and more that are working on-the-ground to deliver lifesaving food aid, including supplementary products to prevent malnutrition, as well as deploying expert technical support designed to address the root causes of the crisis through climate-smart agricultural projects, local adaptation/resilience initiatives, and similar long-term efforts.

UNITED NATIONS FOUNDATION

UNF Congressional Learning Trip to Madagascar

April 1-8, 2023

All Times Local
+7 hours from Washington, DC

Saturday, April 1 --- Travel

Attire: Casual.

10:45am	Depart Dulles International Airport (IAD) on Ethiopian 501 to Addis Ababa Bole International Airport (ADD) *Flight time 13h 15m*

Sunday, April 2 --- Travel/Arrival

Attire: Casual/Business Casual.

7:00am	Arrive ADD *Layover 1h 50m*
8:50am	Depart ADD on Ethiopian 853 to Antananarivo International Airport (TNR) *Flight time 4h 50m*
1:40pm	Arrive TNR
2:10pm	Travel via hired car to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront
3:00pm – 3:30pm	Check-in to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront
3:30pm – 5:30pm	Executive Time
5:30pm – 6:00pm	**UN Department of Safety and Security and U.S. Regional Security Office Briefing** The delegation will receive a briefing from the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS) and the U.S. Embassy Regional Security Office (RSO). The two offices will detail the current political and security situation in Madagascar and provide guidance on any safety protocols that must be adhered to during the course of the learning trip. *Location: Radisson Waterfront Hotel, Antananarivo (on same compound as Radisson Blu Hotel)*

6:00pm – 7:30pm	**Working Dinner with Mr. Issa Sanogo, UN Resident Coordinator in Madagascar; Amb. Claire Pierangelo, U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar and the Comoros; and Ms. Anne Williams, USAID Mission Director Madagascar** The delegation will have a working dinner with Mr. Issa Sanogo, UN Resident Coordinator in Madagascar; Amb. Claire Pierangelo, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar and concurrently Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros; and Ms. Anne Williams, USAID Mission Director Madagascar to discuss the major food security and nutrition challenges in Madagascar in preparation for the week's programming. We will, additionally, review the agenda and clarify any outstanding questions. *Location: Radisson Waterfront Hotel, Antananarivo*
Overnight	Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront Zone Tana Waterfront, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar +261 20 22 692 00

Monday, April 3 --- Antananarivo/Travel/Ambovombe

Attire: Business Casual.

5:30am – 6:00am	Check-out of hotel. Leave large luggage with Gigi. *UNHAS checked luggage limit is 30-lb; carry-on is 10-lb.*
6:00am – 6:20am	Transit via hired car to Antananarivo airfield
6:20am – 7:00am	Check-in for flight, light breakfast available
7:00am – 8:15am	UN Humanitarian Air Service (UNHAS) Flight from Antananarivo to Ambovombe (via Mananjary) *Flight time 1h 15m*
8:15am – 8:45am	Refueling at Mananjary
8:45am – 10:45am	UNHAS Flight from Mananjary to Ambovombe *Flight time 2h 0m*
10:45am – 11:00am	Transit via hired car to the Office of Mr. Lahimaro Tsimandilatse Soja, Governor of the Androy Region
11:00am – 11:45am	**Courtesy Meeting with Gov. Lahimaro Tsimandilatse Soja** The delegation will have a courtesy meeting with Mr. Lahimaro Tsimandilatse Soja, Governor of the Androy Region, to inform him of the

purpose of the delegation's visit and learn how the regional government is partnering with the UN to treat and prevent malnutrition, respond to climate and agricultural shocks, and alleviate food insecurity in Southern Madagascar.

Location: Office of Gov. Lahimaro Tsimandilatse Soja, Ground Floor Conference Room

11:45am – 12:00pm Transit via hired car to Hôtel Nessate

12:00pm – 12:45pm **Working Lunch with Ambovombe-based World Food Programme (WFP) Colleagues**

The delegation will have a working lunch with Ambovombe-based WFP colleagues to learn about the food insecurity situation in Southern Madagascar, where severe drought and climate extremes have caused an almost total disappearance of food sources. In early 2021, for the first time in the country, pockets of Phase 5, or 'Catastrophe' food insecurity on the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification, were recorded in the region. The delegation will learn about the history of the crisis, its impact on local communities, and the ongoing UN-coordinated response.

Location: Ground Floor Banquet Hall, Hôtel Nessate

12:45pm – 1:15pm Transit via hired car to Maroalmainty

1:15pm – 2:45pm **WFP Food Distribution Point Site Visit**

The delegation will visit a food distribution site where WFP is providing emergency food assistance through general food distributions (GFDs) to meet the immediate food needs of vulnerable drought-affected and food-insecure people in southern Madagascar. At this site, WFP also engages in the prevention of acute malnutrition among children between 6 and 23 months and pregnant and lactating women through the distribution of nutrition supplements, awareness-raising sessions, and screening.

The delegation will also visit the outpatient rehabilitation and nutrition education center onsite and meet with members of the local community who receive nutritional support to prevent nutritional deterioration and meet with WFP staff that conduct screenings for acute malnutrition and monitor the evolution of children's mid-upper arm circumference (MUAC).

Location: Maroalmainty, Ambovombe

2:45pm – 3:00pm Transit via hired car to UNDP Project Site

3:00pm – 3:30pm **UN Development Programme (UNDP) "Fixing the Dunes" Project Visit**

The delegation will visit a UNDP sand dune-fixing project, which is strengthening the resilience of local communities in Androy to drought and contributing to the preservation of crop fields. Fishing communities in Southern Madagascar have been severely impacted by sand that has begun sweeping onto the coast from dry areas inland. Houses, schools, and once lush, green stretches of land have been buried in sand, engulfing entire villages and forcing hundreds of people to move away from the sea or risk having their homes subsumed.

UNDP's "Fixing the Dunes" project aims to stave off these encroaching dunes by planting three kinds of flora adapted to sand and drought, whose roots sink into the sand and stop dunes from moving. Lalanda, a creeping plant, retains soil moisture, while sisal and filao grow large enough to lessen the impact of the wind. Once fully grown and providing sufficient protection, they can also be used to build shelters and for firewood, thus limiting deforestation. This intervention is based on the progressive approach aimed at stabilizing income, building up savings, supporting community organization, technical support and finally setting up a revolving fund.

Location: Maroalomainty, Ambovombe District

3:30pm – 4:00pm Transit via hired car to WFP Rapid Rural Transformation Site

4:00pm – 5:00pm **WFP Rapid Rural Transformation Programme Site Visit**

The delegation will visit a WFP solar energy transformation project that is part of the organization's rapid rural transformation (RRT) initiative, which aims to stimulate income-generating activities through agricultural transformation. The delegation will examine Solar-Powered Hubs that provide the community with sustainable off-grid green energy solutions. In addition to new entrepreneurship opportunities, the availability of new affordable and sustainable energy solutions has helped increase access to water for potable use and irrigation, run healthcare equipment, increase internet connectivity, and develop agricultural value chains.

Location: Anjamahavelo, Ifotaka District

5:00pm – 5:45pm Transit via hired car to Berenty Lodge

5:45pm Arrive Berenty Lodge

5:45pm – 7:00pm Executive Time

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Working Dinner with Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**

The delegation will have a working dinner with CRS staff based in Southern Madagascar to learn how the NGO is working to combat hunger and malnutrition in the Grand Sud. CRS is providing over $20 million of emergency food assistance to the South of Madagascar for the next two years, including food assistance to over 220,000 people and nutrition counseling and monitoring to over 25,000 children. CRS is also repairing water points to provide much needed water to people in this extremely arid environment.

Location: Berenty Lodge

Overnight Berenty Lodge
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Note: The electricity at Berenty Lodge is turned off at 10:00pm.

Tuesday, April 4 --- Berenty/Ambovombe

Attire: Field Dress.

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

7:30am – 9:15am Transit via hired car to UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) Integrated Healthcare Center

9:15am – 10:45am **UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) Integrated Health Center Site Visit**

The delegation will visit a basic health center supported by UNICEF that integrates the full package of high impact nutrition interventions. This includes treatment for severe acute malnutrition, a critical intervention in nutrition crisis situations such as those experienced since 2019. Treatment for severe acute malnutrition is carried out by trained nurses using a medical-nutritional protocol that includes the use of therapeutic nutrition products and medical treatment for an average treatment duration of 45 days.

Madagascar is one of the worst countries in terms of child survival and health coverage, with UNICEF projecting 2.4 million Malagsy children will require humanitarian assistance in 2023, including 479,000 children aged 6-59 months who are expected to suffer acute malnourishment through the lean season. Increased stress and economic pressure on families expose 533,000 children to violence, abuse and exploitation, including child marriage, child labour and gender-based violence. Through

a network of integrated health centers, UNICEF is treating 92,000 children with severe wasting, 759,000 children with Vitamin A supplementation, and providing 230,000 women and children with gender-based violence mitigation services.

Location: Ambondro

10:45am – 11:00am Transit via hired car to UNICEF Water Desalination Site at Ambondro Primary School

11:00am – 11:45am **UNICEF Water Desalination Site Visit**

The delegation will visit a UNICEF Water Desalination Systems and Multipurpose Water Points Project at a primary school in Ambondro that is producing potable water for drought-affected communities.

Southern Madagascar has the country's lowest water supply coverage, seriously limiting access to potable drinking water and prompting many families to resort to negative coping strategies to the detriment of their children – such as discontinuing their children's education in order to afford water sold at exorbitant prices. In rural areas, only 36% of households utilize improved water facilities, like using borehole drilling (a deep, narrow hole made in the ground, especially to locate water); however, this method has a very low success rate due to the scarcity of groundwater and the high level of salinity.

Like many others, the commune of Ambondro suffers from salinity in the water table, making the water unfit for consumption. This project consists of the installation of a reverse osmosis desalination system to treat mineral-laden water to provide drinking water and the installation of several drip irrigation kits to help improve the health and economic conditions of the population. The project is under way and is expected to be operational by mid-April 2023, improving access to drinking water for about 5,900 inhabitants.

Location: Ambondro Primary School

11:45am – 12:00pm Transit via hired car to town hall

12:00pm – 1:00pm **Working Lunch with Ambovombe-based UNDP, UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) Colleagues**

The delegation will have a working lunch with Ambovombe-based colleagues to learn how UNDP, FAO, and IFAD are working collaboratively to respond to the food security challenges in Southern

Madagascar while avoiding inter-agency duplication and redundancy.

Location: Town hall

1:00pm – 1:15pm Transit via hired car to FAO Site

1:15pm – 2:30pm **FAO Animal Husbandry and Micro-Irrigation Site Visit**

The delegation will visit a local shareholder farm supported by FAO's Irrigation and Watershed Management programme, which seeks to increase farming productivity and enable the conservative management of natural resources. The micro-irrigation system deployed at this site utilizes a drop-by-drop distribution system connected to a cistern powered by a submerged pump (flow 1.1m3 per hour) and two photovoltaic panels of 80 Watts each. This system makes it possible to irrigate 500m2 of crop plot on which farmers can do at least three crop cycles and up to 1000m² thanks to the micro-irrigation system. This device is being scaled up.

The delegation will meet with chicken breeders of the Kuroiler breed, introduced by the FAO in 2021 in the South-East Region of Madagascar and promoted in the Grand Sud regions. This is a resilient and successful breed, bred for both eggs and meat. Thanks to income from market gardening, agricultural producers have been able to develop their livestock, and vice versa.

The delegation will also be able to meet with associations of quality seed producers and multipliers trained by FAO on the site, and who are certified by the official national seed certification service (SOC). The seed production is not interrupted throughout the year thanks to the irrigation system. These associations provide the community with quality seeds, and FAO also buys back a part of their production to provide other agricultural households with support for their agricultural activities revival.

The delegation will also be able to discuss with small ruminants breeders on this same site, for whom the FAO has introduced a new breed of goat, given training on animal feed and health, and in the construction of modern goat houses allowing a better development of livestock.

Location: Ambondro

2:30pm – 2:45pm Transit via hired car to IFAD Site

2:45pm – 3:00pm **IFAD Eco-Agriculture Site Visit**

The delegation will visit a large plot of land where farmers are implementing new UN-supported eco-agriculture practices to overcome cyclical problems linked to drought and climate change. Through the

dissemination of appropriate and more effective technical and technological packages, the distribution of millet, sorghum and legumes (adapted to drought conditions) and the establishment of a cattle feeding system, IFAD is promoting sustainable agriculture and improving the nutritional situation of households.

The project was designed to make poor rural people's access to land and water more secure through the productive development of arable land and the sustainable management of valley bottoms and micro attachment areas–allowing for the adoption of sustainable practices in annual crops, i.e. water management, no tillage/residue management, to lay sustainable intensification and diversification of irrigated and rainfed agricultural systems in watersheds, as well as reducing deforestation and developing forested areas. This allows for sustainably improving and securing farmers incomes, as well as integrating people who have recently immigrated into the zone and contributing to climate change mitigation.

The project aims to train at least 2,500 members of the local community in the cultivation of high-performance legumes, cereals, and fodder in semi-arid conditions. At least 1500 Ha of area will be cultivated by more efficient species and scaled up innovative agro-ecological techniques have been adapted with food crops as an income-generating activity: cassava, sweet potato, maize, sorghum, cowpea, konoke, spineless cactus, etc.

Location: Ambondro

3:00pm – 3:15pm Transit via hired car to UNDP Project Site

3:15pm – 4:15pm **UNDP Sisal Processing Cooperative Site Visit**

The delegation will visit the Miraihina cooperative, which helps strengthen the communities' resilience in the face of drought, while protecting cultural practices. Sisal has grown abundantly for generations across Madagascar. It's easy to maintain and because of its deep taproots can withstand harsh winds and floods. Communities have primarily used it for making rope. But long-standing drought, destructive cyclones and pests have caused poor harvests over the past several years.

The delegation will learn how 100 beneficiaries (70 women and 30 men) have learned to process sisal, for which the climate in southern Madagascar is favorable, and to dye and weave sisal into more elaborate—and marketable—artisan craft products that are sold, providing a stable source of income for the community. The delegation will meet with community members who have been trained on sisal planting (theoretical and practical); the transformation of sisal into finished products and

	marketing; and the maintenance and management of machinery and equipment. *Location: Agnafondravoay Village*
4:15pm – 6:00pm	Transit via hired car to hotel
6:00pm – 7:00pm	Executive Time
7:00pm – 8:30pm	**Working Dinner Debrief with Mr. Issa Sanogo, UN Resident Coordinator in Madagascar and Ms. Astrid Clarke, Head of Office and Strategic Planner** The delegation will have a working dinner debrief with UN colleagues to discuss lessons learned in Ambovombe and prepare for business meetings to take place upon return to Antananarivo. *Location: Berenty Lodge*
Overnight	Berenty Lodge Réserve de Berenty, Amboasary, Madagascar +261 33 23 210 08 *Note: The electricity at Berenty Lodge is shut off at 10:00pm.*

Wednesday, April 5 --- Berenty/Travel/Antananarivo

Attire: Field Dress/Business Casual.

5:45am – 6:15am	Breakfast and hotel check-out
6:15am – 7:30am	Transit via hired car to Ambovombe airfield
7:30am – 8:00am	Check-in for flight
8:00am – 11:50am	UNHAS Flight from Ambovombe to Antananarivo *Flight time: 3h 50m*
11:50am – 12:30pm	Arrival and transit via hired car to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo
12:30pm – 1:00pm	Executive Time
1:00pm – 1:15pm	Transit via hired car to La Plantation
1:15pm – 3:00pm	**Working Lunch with the EU Delegation to Madagascar** The delegation will have a working lunch with the EU Delegation to

Madagascar to learn how European partners, through the Directorate General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (DG ECHO), systematically works to meet the immediate needs of victims of natural disasters and other climate-related challenges in terms of food, access to water and sanitation, basic health care, and more.

Madagascar is the 5th most vulnerable country to climate change and has faced for several years a multiplication of extreme events linked to climate variations, regularly prompting humanitarian emergencies. EU humanitarian funding for Madagascar amounted to €19.9 million in 2022, including nearly €2 million for the response to the 2021/2022 cyclonic season. The EU and its Member States have strongly contributed to the Government's immediate response to help the affected populations. In addition, the European Commission provided €1 million in humanitarian assistance to support vaccination efforts in Madagascar.

Location: La Plantation

3:00pm – 3:30pm Transit via hired car to Antanimena

3:30pm – 5:30pm **FAO Green Cities Initiative Site Visit and Meeting with Mr. Naina Andriantsitohaina, Mayor of Antananarivo**

The delegation will visit an FAO Green Cities Initiative site in Antananarivo and meet with the Mayor of Antananarivo and/or his Director of Economic Development, as well as with the staff of the Urban Commune of Antananarivo to learn about the initiatives supported by FAO for the rehabilitation of the city and the integration of urban food systems in the activities.

Launched in September 2020, FAO's Green Cities Initiative aims to improve the livelihoods and well-being of urban and peri-urban populations in at least 100 cities around the world. The Green Cities Initiative focuses on improving urban environments and strengthening urban-rural linkages and the resilience of urban systems, services, and populations to external shocks. In addition, the Initiative works to ensure access to healthy diets from sustainable agri-food systems, increasing availability of green spaces through urban and peri-urban forestry. This site (one of 5 in the city) has a composting area, a nursery for fruit and ornamental trees, model vegetables gardens and farms, a shop/kiosk selling agro ecological products, and a space for youth training in urban agriculture (roof gardens, home gardens, vertical farms, aquaculture, etc.). FAO trained the commune's staff in climate-smart and nutrition-sensitive ecological urban agriculture practices and donated resilient plant seeds and planting materials as well as equipment for nursery and site maintenance.

Location: Antanimena

5:30pm – 6:00pm	Transit via hired car to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront
6:00pm – 6:45pm	Executive Time
6:45pm – 7:00pm	Transfer to Residence of U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar
7:00pm – 9:15pm	**Working Dinner with Amb. Claire Pierangelo and the U.S. Country Team** The delegation will have a working dinner with Amb. Claire Pierangelo and the U.S. Country Team to discuss U.S.-Madagascar relations and provide an overview of bilateral and multilateral support for global hunger and food security initiatives in Madagascar. *Location: Residence of U.S. Ambassador to Madagascar*
9:15pm – 9:45pm	Transit via hired car to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront
Overnight	Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront Zone Tana Waterfront, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar +261 20 22 692 00

Thursday, April 6 --- Antananarivo

Attire: Business/Business Casual.

8:30am – 9:30am	Breakfast at the hotel
9:30am – 10:00am	Transit via hired car to Madagascar Ministry of Foreign Affairs
10:00am – 11:00am	**Meeting with H.E. Yvette Sila, Minister of Foreign Affairs** The delegation will have a high-level discussion with the H.E. Yvette Sila, Minister of Foreign Affairs to share observations from their field visit to Ambovombe and learn how the national government is partnering with the U.S. and the UN to treat and prevent malnutrition, respond to climate and agricultural shocks, and alleviate food insecurity across the country. *Location: Madagascar Ministry of Foreign Affairs*
11:00am – 11:30am	Transit via hired car to JB-TANJAKA Food Factory
11:30am – 12:30pm	**JB-TANJAKA Food Factory Visit** The delegation will visit JB-TANJAKA Food's Antananarivo factory, where the company manufactures Plumpy-type products—lipid-based Ready-to- Use Foods (RUTF) that are used for the treatment or prevention of acute malnutrition or for use in emergencies and situations of acute

food shortage when energy, macro- and micronutrients, and essential fatty acid requirements cannot be met by locally available/accessible foods, or when the state of the patient requires it. In addition to sales to public health sector and NGO's, JB will also soon be distributing these nutritional supplements directly to the poorest households in Madagascar. The delegation will meet with factory leadership, factory workers, and learn about the plumpy'nut RUTF manufacturing process and its nutritional impact across Madagascar.

Location: JB-TANJAKA Food Factory

12:30pm – 1:00 pm Transit via hired car to Restaurant Sakamanga

1:00pm – 2:00pm **Working Lunch with Ms. Anne N. Williams, USAID Mission Director and USAID Country Team**

The delegation will have a working lunch with Anne N. Williams, USAID Mission Director and the USAID Country Team to discuss U.S. bilateral and multilateral support for global hunger and food security initiatives in Madagascar.

The U.S. recently designated Madagascar as a target country for both the global Feed the Future initiative and USAID's new resilience initiative and how such designations will deliver significant new U.S. investments that will help Madagascar improve its food security and develop its agricultural sector.

For nearly four decades, the U.S., through USAID, has been Madagascar's foremost development partner, working side-by-side with the Malagasy people like "mpirahalahy mianala" to help the country achieve its development goals. In 2021, USAID provided Madagascar $182 million development assistance, including $72 million to control malaria and improve maternal and child health, family planning, water and sanitation, and nutrition. The United States also donated $87 million for food security and emergency assistance, $13.5 million to fight COVID 19, and $8.25 million to protect the environment.

Location: Restaurant Sakamanga

2:00pm – 2:45pm Transit via hired car to Royal Hill of Ambohimanga (UNESCO World Heritage Site)

2:45pm – 4:15pm **Royal Hill of Ambohimanga Visit and Briefing by Hubert Gijzen, UNESCO Regional Director**

The delegation will visit the Royal Hill of Ambohimanga—one of the

most important spiritual, cultural, and historical sites for the Malagasy people and a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 2001. First occupied in the fifteenth century, the Royal Hill of Ambohimanga emerged as a fortified political capital and royal palace during the reign of King Andriantsimitoviaminandriana (r. 1740–1745), eventually becoming the cradle of the kingdom and the dynasty that made Madagascar a modern state. The Royal Hill has since then become the most significant symbol of cultural identify for the people of Madagascar and is associated with strong feelings of identity and emotion relating to the sacred nature of the site and its many venerated royal tombs, numerous holy places (fountains, sacred basins and woods, sacrificial stones), and majestic royal trees.

During the visit, the delegation will receive a briefing from Hubert Gijzen, UNESCO Regional Director, on how UNESCO works with the Madagascar Ministry of Culture and the Office of the Cultural Site of Ambohimanga (OSCAR), to maintain and protect Royal Hill, as well as coordinate with national authorities to develop regional economic incentives connected to the Royal Hill of Ambohimanga, enhancing employment opportunities for the local population.

4:15pm – 5:00pm	Transit via hired card to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront
5:00pm – 6:30pm	Executive Time
6:30pm – 7:00pm	Transit via hired car to La Varangue
7:00pm – 8:30pm	**Working Dinner with Mr. Jean Francois Bass, UNICEF Resident Representative in Madagascar and Mr. Marc Regnault de la Mothe, WFP Deputy Representative in Madagascar** The delegation will have a working dinner with Mr. Jean Francois Bass, UNICEF Resident Representative in Madagascar and Mr. Marc Regnault de la Mothe, WFP Deputy Representative in Madagascar to discuss the major factors driving severe acute malnutrition in Madagascar, and UNICEF and WFP's work preventing and treating malnutrition, and reaching food insecure populations. *Location: La Varangue*
8:30pm – 9:00pm	Transit via hired car to Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront
Overnight	Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront Zone Tana Waterfront, Antananarivo 101, Madagascar +261 20 22 692 00

Friday, April 7 --- Antananarivo/Travel

Attire: Casual.

9:00am – 10:30am	**Working Breakfast Debrief with UN and U.S. Colleagues** The delegation will have a working breakfast with UN and U.S. colleagues to discuss lessons learned, post-learning trip follow-up, and potential opportunities for continued engagement and coordination with the U.S. Congress and UN in Madagascar. *Location: Radisson Blu Hotel, Antananarivo Waterfront*
10:30am – 11:40am	Executive Time
11:40am	Travel via hired car to TNR
12:40pm	Check-in for fight
2:40pm	Depart TNR on Ethiopian 852 to ADD *Flight time 4h 40m*
7:20pm	Arrive ADD *Layover 3h 20m*
10:40pm	Depart ADD on Ethiopian 500 to IAD *Flight time 16h 45m*

Saturday, April 8 --- Travel

Attire: Casual

8:25am	Arrive IAD