

# 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 by email at [gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov](mailto:gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov), within 15 days after travel is completed.** Please **do not** file this form with the Committee on Ethics.

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

- Name of Traveler: Brandon Ramsay
- a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
- a. Dates: Departure: June 16, 2024 Return: June 24, 2022  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: June 22, 2024 - June 24, 2024 **OR**  None
- Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Atlanta & Colombia Return City: Washington, D.C.
- Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: United Nations Foundation
- Describe Meetings and Events Attended: See post-trip agenda.
- Attached to this form are **each** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
  - a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
  - the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor **prior** to the trip, **including all** attachments **and** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
  - page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; **and**
  - the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.
- 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:  Digitally signed by Brandon Ramsay  
Date: 2024.07.23 09:10:31 -04'00' Date: 07/23/2024

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: Gregory Meeks Date: 07/23/2024

Signature of Supervising Member: 

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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 in the trip within 10 days of their return.** You must answer all questions, and check all boxes, on this form for your submission to comply with House Rules and the Committee's Travel Regulations. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in the denial of future requests to sponsor trips and/or subject the current traveler to disciplinary action or a requirement to repay the trip expenses.

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

1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: United Nations Foundation

2. Travel Destination(s): Atlanta, Georgia & Bogota and Quibdo, Colombia

3. Date of Departure: June 16, 2024 Date of Return: June 24, 2024

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Brandon Ramsay

*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	\$2,676.68	\$896.67	\$391.63	\$513.69 - Translation services
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: Peter Yeo Date: June 26, 2024

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, D.C., 20006

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

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

If you have questions regarding your completion of this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103.

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## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Brandon Ramsay
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: United Nations Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Atlanta, GA; Bogotá and Quibdo, Colombia
4. a. Date of Departure: June 16, 2024 Date of Return: June 23, 2024  
b. Yes  No  Will you be extending the trip at your personal expense?  
If yes, list dates at personal expense: June 22-23
5. a. Yes  No  Will you be accompanied by a family member at the sponsor's expense? **If yes:**
  - (1) Name of Accompanying Family Member: \_\_\_\_\_
  - (2) Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  - (3) Yes  No  Accompanying Family Member is at least 18 years of age?
6. a. Yes  No  Did the trip sponsor answer "Yes" to Question 8(c) on the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* (i.e., travel is sponsored by an entity that employs a registered federal lobbyist or a foreign agent)?  
b. **If yes**, and you are requesting lodging for two nights, explain why the second night is warranted:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. Yes  No  *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* is attached, including agenda, invitation, invitee list, and any other attachments and Additional Sponsor Forms.  
NOTE: The agenda should show the traveler's individual schedule, including departure and arrival times and identify the specific events in which the traveler will be participating.
8. Explain why participation in the trip is connected to the traveler's individual official or representational duties. **Staff should include their job title and how the activities on the itinerary relate to their duties.**  
In my role as the global health HFAC subcommittee staff director, I advice Members and staff on issues related to global health, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as well as bilateral and multilateral global health development programs. This program will educate me further on these issues.
9. **Yes  No  Is the traveler aware of any registered federal lobbyists or foreign agents involved in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip?**
10. For staff travelers, to be completed by your employing Member:

### ADVANCED AUTHORIZATION OF EMPLOYEE TRAVEL

I hereby authorize the individual named above, an employee of the U.S. House of Representatives who works under my direct supervision, to accept expenses for the trip described in this request. I have determined that the above-described travel is in connection with my employee's official duties and that acceptance of these expenses will not create the appearance that the employee is using public office for private gain

Signature of Employing Member: \_\_\_\_\_



Date: 5/17/2024

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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 submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto: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: Brandon Ramsay

**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): Foreign Affairs

Office Address: 2471 Rayburn

Telephone Number: 202-848-4725

Email Address of Contact Person: brandon.ramsay@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 email: [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

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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's website (ethics.house.gov) provides detailed instructions for filling out the form. The Committee will notify the House invitees directly of its decision and will not notify the trip sponsors.

**NOTE: Willful or knowing misrepresentations on this form may be subject to criminal prosecution pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1001. Failure to comply with the Committee's Travel Regulations may also lead to the denial of permission to sponsor future trips. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

1. Sponsor who will be paying for the trip:

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, services, or in-kind assistance from other source(s) intended directly or indirectly to finance all or part of this trip and has enclosed disclosure forms from each of those entities.

If "c" is checked, list the names of the additional sponsors: Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

4. Provide names and titles of **ALL** House Members *and* employees you are inviting. **For each House invitee, provide an explanation of why the individual was invited** (include additional pages if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

See Attachment 1, A

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

6. Date of Departure: Sunday, June 16, 2024 Date of Return: Saturday, June 22, 2024

7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C. (Reagan National Airport)

b. Destination(s): Atlanta, GA, USA; Bogotá and Quibdo, Colombia

c. City of return: Washington, D.C. (Dulles International Airport)

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 the statement is true by clicking the box; OR*
  - b.  *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.
12. For *each* sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor’s interest in the subject matter of the trip *and* its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:  
**See Attachment 1, B**
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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:  
 \_\_\_\_\_
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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): \_\_\_\_\_  
**See Attachment 1, C**
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: \_\_\_\_\_  
**See Attachment 1, D**
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name:	<small>Courtyard Atlanta Decatur Downtown/Emory</small> _____ City: <b>Decatur, GA</b>	Cost Per Night:	<b>\$173</b>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<b>Chosen for proximity to CDC; room availability</b>		
Hotel Name:	Hyatt Place Convention Center _____ City: <b>Bogota, Colombia</b>	Cost Per Night:	<b>\$399</b>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<b>Recommended by USAID for safety, logistics</b>		
Hotel Name:	<b>Mia Hotel</b> _____ City: <b>Quibdo, Colombia</b>	Cost Per Night:	<b>\$137</b>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<b>Recommended by USAID for safety, logistics</b>		

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

18. **Total Expenses for each Participant:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimates	Total <b>Transportation</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Lodging</b> Expenses per Participant	Total <b>Meal</b> Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$2,086	\$1,281	\$590
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$0	\$0	\$0

	<b>Other</b> Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	\$180	Translator costs in Colombia
For each Accompanying Family Member	\$0	\$0

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: Peter Yeo Date: 05/14/2024  
 Name: Peter Yeo Title: Senior Vice President  
 Organization: United Nations Foundation  
 Address: 1750 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C., 20006  
 Email: pyeo@unfoundation.org Telephone: (202) 887-9040

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

## Primary Trip Sponsor Form – Attachment A

### 4) Names and titles of all House Staffers

- **Sean Smith, Legislative Assistant, Representative Maria Salazar (R-FL-27)**  
Sean serves as the Legislative Assistant managing the health care portfolio for Rep. Salazar, who is a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Global Health subcommittee. In this capacity he covers the domestic and global health work of the office.
- **Brittany Hughes, Legislative Director & Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant, Representative Lauren Underwood (D-IL-14)**  
Brittany serves as the Legislative Director and policy lead for the foreign affairs portfolio, managing global health and foreign policy for Rep. Underwood, who is a member of the Appropriations Committee.
- **Brandon Ramsay, Staff Director, House Foreign Affairs Committee Subcommittee for Global Health, Global Human rights, and International Organizations, Representative Susan Wild (D-PA-07)**  
Brandon serves as the Staff Director for the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee for Global Health, Global Human rights, and International Organizations, under Ranking Member Susan Wild. Brandon also services as Senior Policy Analyst on Sub-Saharan Africa for Representative Gregory Meeks (D-NY-05), who is Ranking Member of the full committee.
- **Catherine Liu, Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant, Representative Adam Smith (D-WA-09)**  
Cate serves as the Legislative Assistant managing the foreign affairs portfolio for Rep. Smith, who is the Ranking Member of the Armed Services Committee. In this capacity she covers the foreign affairs portfolio, including global health security and military preparedness.
- **Jake Silverman, Foreign Policy Legislative Assistant, Representative Nikema Williams (D-GA-05)**  
Jake serves as a Legislative Assistant overseeing the foreign policy and homeland security portfolios for Rep. Williams, whose 5<sup>th</sup> district includes also includes the CDC-ATL headquarters campus.
- **Betsy Dudley, Legislative Director, Representative Marilyn Strickland (D-WA-10)**  
Betsy serves as the Legislative Director for Representative Marilyn Strickland who serves on the House Armed Services Committee and House Transportation and infrastructure Committee. In this capacity, Betsy covers a portfolio that includes foreign affairs, defense, and armed services.
- **Becca Flikier, Deputy Chief of Staff, Representative Lois Frankel (D-FL-22)**  
Becca serves as Deputy Chief of Staff for Representative Lois Frankel, who serves on the House Appropriations Subcommittee for Labor, Health and Human Services, and

Education as well as the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs. In this capacity, Becca covers a portfolio that includes health and appropriations.

- **Laura Titus, Deputy Legislative Director, Representative Robert Aderholt (R-AL-04)**

Laura serves as Deputy Legislative Director for Representative Robert Aderholt, who chairs the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education (LHHS) who also serves on appropriations subcommittees for Defense; and, Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies. In this capacity she covers a portfolio that includes foreign policy and health.

## **Primary Trip Sponsor Form – Attachment B**

12) Sponsor's interest and role in organizing the trip:

The UN Foundation works to educate all Americans, including Members and Staff of the U.S. Congress, on the importance of a strong U.S.-UN relationship, with a particular focus on global health issues such as global immunization, malaria, and child health. This learning trip provides an opportunity for Congressional staff to learn about the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) global health activities at the Agency's headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia as well as CDC's work and partnership with UN agencies in the field in Colombia.

At CDC Headquarters, participants will meet with CDC global health leadership and technical experts, and have first-hand tours of the Emergency Operations Center, mosquito insectary, and infectious disease laboratory, as they learn about CDC's work to implement life-saving global health interventions, provide technical expertise, and strengthen disease surveillance in countries around the world. Participants will learn how CDC bilateral global health interventions work in complement with, and are amplified by, multilateral UN global health activities.

In Colombia, participants will see CDC programs operationalized in the field as well as CDC's partnership with USAID and multilateral institutions, including PAHO and UNICEF, to amplify U.S. investments, strengthen Colombia's health system, and improve global health security in the region.

UNF is the sole sponsor of the trip, organizing all aspects of the program and logistics. UNF handles all outreach to Congressional offices and is the contact for planning purposes. The UN Foundation received a contribution from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF), which was made with the knowledge that congressional travel generally might be funded. The BMGF has not played any role in organizing the trip and has not been involved in the selection or invitation of the trip participants.

**Primary Trip Sponsor Form – Attachment C**

15. b. 1) Detail the cost per day of meals (approximate cost may be provided):

Sunday (first travel day): \$55.50

Monday (Atlanta, GA, USA): \$69

Tuesday (Atlanta, GA, USA / Bogota, Colombia): \$78

Wednesday (Bogota / Other Colombia): \$117

Thursday (Other Colombia): \$85

Friday (Bogota Colombia): \$185

Saturday (last travel day): \$0 Arrival to Duty Station

## **Primary Trip Sponsor Form – Attachment D**

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

CDC is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, and offers trip participants the opportunity to meet with global health technical experts, learn about CDC's global health initiatives and programs, and visit the on-site mosquito insectary, infectious disease laboratory, and Emergency Operations Center, all of which serve as cornerstones of global emergency preparedness and response during public health crises.

Colombia was chosen for the USG-PAHO-UNICEF collaboration on developing increased public health capacity for disease surveillance, health system strengthening, and global health security programming.

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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. Signatures must comply with section 104(bb) of the Travel Regulations.**

1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: United Nations Foundation
2. Name of your organization: Bill & Melinda Gates 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:  Date: 05/14/2024

Name: Dana DeRuiter Title: Deputy Director, US Government Relations

Organization: Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation

Address: 1300 I St NW Washington, DC

Telephone: 202 412-5702 Email: dana.deruiter@gatesfoundation.org

If there are questions regarding this form, please contact the Committee on Ethics at 202-225-7103 or [travel.requests@mail.house.gov](mailto:travel.requests@mail.house.gov).

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June 4, 2024

Mr. Brandon Ramsay  
Committee on Foreign Affairs  
2471 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Ramsay:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Atlanta, Georgia, and Colombia,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for June 16 to 23, 2024, sponsored by United Nations Foundation and Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. We note that this trip includes one day at your personal expense.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$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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<sup>1</sup> 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Guest". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "M".

Michael Guest  
Chairman

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Susan Wild". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "S".

Susan Wild  
Ranking Member

MG/SW:mc

**UNF Congressional Learning Trip to CDC and Colombia**  
**June 16-22, 2024**

*\*\*All Times Local\*\**

*Atlanta: Eastern Time Zone*

*Colombia, GMT : -1 hours from Washington, DC*

**Sunday, June 16 --- Travel**

*Attire: Casual / Business Casual.*

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|-----------------|--|
| 12:15pm         | Group meets at Washington Reagan National (DCA) Delta Ticket Counter, Upper Level Departures         |
| 1:59pm          | <b>Depart DCA on Delta Flight #DL737</b><br><i>Travel time: 1 hr 56 min</i>                          |
| 3:55pm          | <b>Arrive at Atlanta Hartsfield Jackson (ATL) Airport</b>  |
| 4:30pm – 5:30pm | Transfer to Hotel via hired shuttle<br><i>Courtyard Marriott Decatur Hotel</i>                       |
| 5:30pm – 6:45pm | Hotel check-in; Executive Time   |
| 6:45pm – 7:00pm | Walk to Dinner   |
| 7:00pm – 8:30pm | <b>Delegation Dinner</b><br><i>Location: Leon's, 131 E Ponce de Leon Ave, Decatur, GA 30030</i>      |
| 8:30pm – 8:40pm | Walk to Hotel  |
| Overnight       | <b>Courtyard Marriott Atlanta Decatur Downtown/Emory</b><br>130 Clairemont Ave,<br>Decatur, GA 30030 |

**Monday, June 17 --- CDC Briefings and Visit to Laboratory Facilities**

*Attire: Business.*

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| 7:00am – 8:00am | Breakfast at hotel<br><br><i>Location: Courtyard Marriott Decatur Hotel</i>   |
| 8:00am – 8:45am | Transfer by Courtyard Marriott Decatur Hotel shuttle from hotel to CDC's Roybal Campus<br><br><i>Location: 1600 Clifton Rd, Atlanta, GA 30333</i> |

8:45am – 9:00am Arrival at CDC, security check-in

9:00am – 10:00am **Overview of Global Health at CDC**

Meeting with key CDC global health leaders and senior officials for a situational overview of the budget and activities of the CDC. Discuss how the agency's global health activities fit into CDC's larger FY25 budget request. Include discussion of CDC's Global Health Framework.

*Location: Building 19, Room 254/255*

*Principal Speakers: Pamela Dougherty (Chief of Staff, GHC), Dr. Dan Jernigan (Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases), Demetre Daskalakis ( Director, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases), Kathy Gallagher (Acting Director, Office of Budget, Policy, and Appropriations), Martin Klingbeil (CDC Washington)*

10:00am – 10:10am Transition to Building 21, 3rd Floor

10:10am – 10:40am **Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Visit**

Walk-through of CDC's EOC and overview of domestic and global mandate, capacity, and disease detection and response capabilities led by the Director of CDC's Office of Readiness and Response.

*Location: Building 21, 3rd Floor, EOC*

*Principal Speakers: Dr. Henry Walke (Director, Office of Readiness and Response), Mike Phipps (Emergency Management Specialist for Latin America, Office of Readiness and Response)*

10:40am – 11:05am **Current EOC Global Health Activation: 2024 Clade I Mpox Response**

Focused discussion on CDC's current activation for the 2024 Clade I mpox outbreak. Take a look at the start and current state of the response including CDC's actions and impact.

*Location: Building, 21, 3rd Floor, Executive Conference Room*

*Principal Speakers: Dr. Andrew Boyd (Division for Global Health Protection), Dr. Jennifer McQuiston and Dr. Christy Hutson (Division of High Consequence Pathogens, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases)*

11:05am – 11:10am Transition to Building 19, Room 254/255

11:10am – 12:10pm **Overview of CDC Global Immunization Activities**

Scene-setter on state of global child immunization recovery post-pandemic, with updates on polio eradication and measles elimination status. Emphasis on S. America measles outbreaks, jeopardy of elimination status, and CDC control and surveillance efforts. Emphasis on polio outbreak in Peru 2022 to better understand variant polio threat. Overall discussion of CDC capabilities, partnerships, and strategy to regain lost ground in child immunization coverage rates and references examples of how investments in this infrastructure strengthens pandemic response capabilities, particularly during COVID-19.

*Location: Building 19, Room 254/255*

*Principal Speakers: John Vertefeuille (Director, Global Immunization Division, GHC), Steve Oberste (National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases)*

12:10pm – 1:20pm **Working-lunch Roundtable on Global Health Security**

Discuss how CDC's global health security work protects the health and safety of Americans through a broad range of activities, including public health systems strengthening and more pathogen-specific efforts and how these activities work together. Review the 7-1-7 metric as a way to understand public health capacity building, accountability, and activity planning. Preview of capabilities we will see while in Colombia.

*Location: Building 19, Room 254/255*

*Principal Speakers: Dr. Dan Jernigan (Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases), Michael Gerber (Associate Director for Global Health, Preparedness and Response, National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases), Michael Mahar (Acting Deputy Director, Office of Integration and Coordination, GHC), Dr. Simon Agolory (Acting Director, Division of Global Health Protection)*

1:20pm – 1:35pm Break

1:35pm – 1:55pm **Overview of CDC Global Malaria Treatment and Control Activities**

Scene-setter with CDC technical staff on threats/opportunities in malaria elimination, with emphasis on malaria situation in S. America and Colombia, links to domestic malaria outbreaks.

*Location: Building 19, Room 254/255*

*Principal Speakers: Peter McElroy (Malaria Branch Chief, Division for Parasitic Diseases and Malaria (DPDM)), Audrey Lenhart (Entomology)*

*Branch Chief, DPDM), Rebecca Levine (Senior Research Scientist, DPDM), Lyn Nguyen (Associate Director for Policy, DPDM)*

1:55pm – 2:05pm

Transition to Building 23

2:05pm – 3:40pm

**Visit to CDC Insectary Lab and Parasitic Disease Lab**

Insectary: Exploration of CDC's insectary that supports vector control research to prevent and respond to mosquito-borne diseases; discussion of new tools to eliminate malaria and current global challenges such as insecticide and drug resistance, and the spread of *Anopheles Stephensi* mosquitoes.

CDC's Diagnostic Parasitology Laboratory: Learn about how CDC conducts testing for a wide array of parasitic infections and supports U.S. public health laboratory capacity through technical assistance, educational resources, and teleradiology assistance. This lab also develops new diagnostics to support global programs aimed at elimination and control of neglected tropical diseases and uses advanced molecular tools such as genome sequencing to better characterize priority parasitic pathogens.

*Location: Building 23, Ground Floor and 9th Floor*

*Principal Speakers: Audrey Lenhart (Entomology Branch Chief, DPDM), Brian Raphael (Laboratory Science and Diagnostics Branch Chief, DPDM), Lyn Nguyen (Associate Director for Policy, DPDM)*

3:40pm – 3:50pm

Transition to Lab Training Facility

3:50pm – 4:50pm **Visit to CDC's Lab Training Facility**

Learn more about how CDC trains the public health workforce to improve laboratory capacity. Get hands-on experience in a mimicked laboratory setting. Learn more about how CDC trains laboratorians both domestically and internationally in standardized protocols and innovative procedures. *Please note that close-toed, non-heeled shoes are required for this portion of the agenda*

*Location: Buildings 23 and 15, Basement Floor*

*Principal Speakers: Dr. Conrad Quinn (Director, Office of Laboratory Science and Safety)*

4:50pm – 5:00 pm

Transition to Building 19, Room 254/255

5:00pm – 5:30 pm

**Wrap-Up Session**

Round table wrap-up discussion of CDC's global health budget and activities related to malaria and parasitic diseases, polio eradication/measles elimination, and international disease outbreak response. Feedback from staffers on highlights of experience, lessons learned, areas of improvement, and answer any questions from the day.

*Location: Building 19, Room 254/255*

*Principal Speakers: Ms. Audrey McCulloch (Deputy Associate Director for Policy, GHC), Ms. Emily Rosenfeld (Budget, Policy, and Legislation Team Lead, GHC), Kathy Gallagher (Acting Director, Office of Budget, Policy, and Appropriations), Martin Klingbeil (CDC Washington)*

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| 5:30 pm – 5:40pm | Check-out; return security badges  |
| 5:40pm – 6:10pm  | Transfer via Marriott Shuttle to Courtyard Marriott Decatur Hotel  |
| 6:10pm – 6:50pm  | Executive time   |
| 6:50pm – 7:00pm  | Walk to Dinner   |
| 7:00pm – 8:30pm  | <b>Dinner with CDC</b><br>Working dinner with CDC technical team and context-setting remarks from agency leadership. Opportunity for delegation to engage with CDC technical team and learn about USG global health activities, with a particular focus on recent challenges and successes in the issue focus area of the trip, including immunization, malaria, and global health security. |

*Location: The White Bull, 123 E Court Square, Decatur, GA 30030*

*Principal Speakers: Dr. Simon Agolory (Acting Director, Division for Global Health Protection), John Vertefeuille, (Director, Global Immunization Division), Hank Tomlinson (Director, Division for Global HIV and TB), Dr. Dan Jernigan (Director, National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases), Kathy Gallagher (Acting Director, Office of Budget, Policy, and Appropriations), Martin Klingbeil (CDC Washington)*

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| 8:30pm – 8:40pm | Walk to Hotel  |
| Overnight       | Courtyard Marriott Decatur Hotel<br>130 Clairemont Ave,<br>Decatur, GA 30030 |

**Tuesday, June 18 --- Travel/Arrival**

*Attire: Casual / Business Casual.*

- 6:00am – 6:45am      Transfer to ATL Airport via hired car
- 6:45am – 7:15am      Check-in at Airport
- 7:15am – 9:45am      Pre-departure time; breakfast at airport
- 9:45am                **Depart ATL for El Dorado International Airport**  
*Delta Flight #982*
- 1:35pm                **Arrive El Dorado International Airport**
- 1:35pm – 2:30pm      Arrival and customs procedures
- 2:30pm – 3:00pm      Transit via hired car to Hyatt Place Bogota / Convention Center
- 3:00pm – 3:30pm      **Check in to Hyatt Place Bogota / Convention Center**
- Location: Av. Calle 24 # 40 - 47, Bogota, Colombia, 111321*  
*+57 601 4481234*
- 3:30pm – 4:00pm      Transit on foot to U.S. Embassy
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm      **U.S. Country Team Overview**  
The delegation will meet with key U.S. Embassy leaders and staff for a situational overview of global health, child immunization, and polio eradication, as well as the broader economic and political situation in the country.
- Principal Speakers: Mr. Brendan O'Brien, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Colombia; Anupama Rajaraman, USAID/Colombia Mission Director; Michael Stewart, Deputy Econ Counselor; Rosalyn Weise, Cultural Affairs Officer; J Gelsem, RSO; Ann Hardman, Political Counselor; Molly Amador, PRM Coordinator; Monica Villanueva, Deputy, Venezuela Response and Integration Office; Julia Kibunja, CDC*
- Location: U.S. Embassy, Main Entrance, Cl. 24 Bis #48-50, Bogotá, Colombia*
- 5:00pm – 5:15pm      Transit on foot to Hyatt Place Bogota

5:15pm – 5:30pm      **UN Department of Safety and Security Briefing**  
The delegation will receive a briefing from the UN Department of Safety and Security (UNDSS), detailing the current security situation in Colombia and provide guidance on any safety and/or emergency protocols that must be adhered to during the course of the learning trip.

*Principal Speaker: Janneth A. Vargas, Field Security Associate, Security Information Coordination Unit (SICU), UN Department of Safety and Security*

*Location: Bursztyn Room, Floor T,  
Hyatt Place Bogota / Convention Center, Av. Calle 24 # 40 - 47, Bogota, Colombia, 111321*

5:30pm – 7:30pm      **Welcome Dinner**  
Working dinner with USG and UN partners who will be interacting with the group throughout the delegation visit in Colombia. The discussion will include scene-setting of site visits and overviews of field programs around child immunization, malaria control and elimination, and global health security contexts in Colombia.

*Principal Speakers: Dr. Gina Tambini, Country Representative, PAHO/WHO; Luis Jimenez McInnis, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Margherita Ghiselli, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Dr. Lucy Arciniegas, PAHO/Colombia; Monica Villanueva, Deputy Director, Venezuela Response and Integration Office, USAID/Colombia; Paola Franchi, Child Protection Chief and PDET manager, UNICEF; Julia Kibunja, CDC/GHC*

*Location: The Placery Restaurant, Floor 2,  
Hyatt Place Bogota / Convention Center, Av. Calle 24 # 40 - 47, Bogota, Colombia, 111321*

Overnight      Hyatt Place Bogota / Convention Center  
Av. Calle 24 # 40 - 47  
Bogota, Colombia, 111321

**Wednesday, June 19 --- Bogota/Travel/Quibdo**

*Attire: Business.*

7:30am – 8:00am Breakfast at hotel

8:00am – 8:30am Transit via hired car to Ministry of Health

*Location: Carrera 13 No. 32-76 Bogotá, Colombia*

8:30am – 10:30am **Meeting with Colombia Ministry of Health and Social Protection**  
The delegation will meet with the Ministry of Health and Social Protection and Ministry of Health officials to discuss how U.S. and PAHO and UNICEF investments in Colombia are helping increase rates of child immunization, end malaria-related deaths, and prepare to respond to future health threats.

In addition, the Secretariat of Health will present on the overall health context to help the delegation better understand the health system in an under-resourced region of Colombia, including a discussion of how COVID-19 investments strengthened immunization, how the migration response strengthened maternal health outcomes for the migrant and non-migrant patients, and how global health security funds will strengthen community surveillance systems.

This meeting will help the delegation understand how the U.S. and UN, in close collaboration with the Government of Colombia, is helping Colombia build a healthier, more secure, more democratic, and more prosperous country for all citizens.

*Principal Speakers: Dr. Guillermo Alfonso Jaramillo Martínez, Minister of Health and Social Protection; Dr. Jaime Hernán Urrego Martínez, Deputy Minister of Public Health and Service Provision; Dr. Luis Alberto Martínez, Deputy Minister of Social Protection; Dr. Gina Tambini, Representative in Colombia, PAHO/WHO; Monica Villanueva, Deputy Director, Venezuela Response and Integration Office, USAID/Colombia; Alejandro Dias, Health Advisor, USAID/Colombia; Paola Franchi, Child Protection Chief and PDET manager, UNICEF, Salua Osorio Mrad, Health and Nutrition Officer, UNICEF; Luis Jimenez McInnis, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Margherita Ghiselli, PAHO/Washington, D.C.*

*Location: Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Carrera 13 No. 32-76 Bogotá, Colombia*

- 10:30am – 11:00am Transit via hired car to UN House
- 11:00am – 11:30am **UN Country Team Briefing**  
 The delegation will meet with the UN Country Team to contextualize the health, migration, and security challenges in Colombia and provide a general overview of how the UN works together, and actively partners with the Government of Colombia and the U.S.
- Principal Speakers: Mireia Villar Forner, Resident Coordinator, UN; Dr. Gina Tambini, Representative in Colombia, PAHO/WHO; Fernando Medina Donoso, Representative, IOM; Sara Ferrer Olivella, Resident Representative, Colombia, UNDP; Mireille Girard, Representative, UNHCR; Paola Franchi, Child Protection Chief and PDET manager, UNICEF; Tanya Chapuisat, Representative, UNICEF; Carlo Scaramella, Representative, WFP; Luis Mora, Representative, UNFPA; Luis Jimenez McInnis, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Margherita Ghiselli, PAHO/Washington, D.C.*
- Location: UN House in Colombia, Cl. 84A #10-50 local 5, Bogotá, Colombia*
- 11:30am – 12:00pm Transit via hired car to Hyatt Bogota / Convention Center
- 12:00pm – 12:15pm Pick up overnight bags and packed lunches
- 12:15pm – 12:45pm Transit via hired car to El Dorado International Airport (BOG)
- 12:45am – 1:15pm Arrive BOG and check in for flight
- 1:15pm – 2:30pm Lunch at airport (*provided by Hyatt*)
- 2:30pm **Depart BOG on Clic flight VE 8942**  
*1 hr 20 min*
- 3:50pm **Arrive Quibdó El Caraño Airport (UIB)**
- 3:50pm – 4:10pm Walk to Hotel entrance
- 4:10pm – 4:40pm Check in to hotel

4:40pm – 5:00pm Transit via hired car to the Cultural Center of the Central Bank

5:00pm – 7:00pm **Visit with Chocó Department Leadership**

The delegation will have a courtesy visit in the Cultural Center of the Central Bank with the Chief of Staff from the Office of the Governor, the Secretary of Health of the Chocó Department, and the Secretary of Health of Quibdó City, to welcome the delegation and provide a high-level overview of the health context in the Chocó Department.

*Principal Speakers: Nubia Carolina Córdoba Curi, Governor of Chocó; Jayr Blandón Gámez, Chief of Staff from the Office of the Governor; Yeferson Córdoba, Health Secretary of Chocó; Luzcely Córdoba Chaverra, Health Secretary of Quibdó; Dr. Franklyn Prieto, Surveillance Director, National Institute of Health-INS; Mónica Castro, Coordinator of the Life Course Group, MOH; Mauricio Cerpa, PAHO/Colombia; Luis Jimenez McInnis, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Margherita Ghiselli, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Karen González, Communication specialist, PAHO; Catherine Roríguez, Maternal Health and SRH specialist, PAHO; Luz Inés Villareal, Malaria specialist, PAHO; Primi Cecilia Copete, FETP contractor, PAHO; Gloria Prado Pino, NPC Chocó Field Office, PAHO; Maritza González, FETP Coordinator, National Institute of Health; Martha Garcés, UNICEF; Natalia Mazo, Governor's Health Advisor, Office of the Chocó Governor*

*Location: Central Bank (Banco de la República), Calle 25A # 1-16 Quibdó, Chocó, Colombia.*

7:00pm – 7:15pm Transit via hired car to Mia Hotel Chocó

7:15pm – 9:00pm **Discussion over Dinner with UN and USG in Quibdó, Chocó Department**

The delegation will have a working dinner with USG and UN colleagues working in the Chocó Department to learn about the impact of USG health programming in Quibdó and surrounding indigenous communities, the partnership between USG and multilaterals in child immunization and malaria activities, and the complexities of implementation.

This working dinner will be an opportunity to help the delegation understand a multi-sectoral approach to implementing community programs, which, in addition to improving health outcomes, are improving

disease surveillance capacities, water, sanitation, and hygiene practices, and improving maternal, newborn, and child outcomes.

*Principal Speakers: Luis Mora, Representative, UNFPA; Luis Jimenez McInnis, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Margherita Ghiselli, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Dr. Mauricio Cerpa, PAHO/Colombia; Gloria Prado, PAHO/Colombia; Karen González, Communication specialist, PAHO; Catherine Roríguez, Maternal Health and SRH specialist, PAHO; Monica Villanueva, Deputy Director, Venezuela Response and Integration Office, USAID/Colombia; Martha Garcés, UNICEF; Anupama Rajaraman, USAID/Colombia's Mission Director.*

*Location: Hotel Restaurant, Floor 5, Mia Hotel Chocó*

Overnight

**Mia Hotel Chocó**

El Carano Barrio los Ángeles Diagonal Airport  
Quibdó 270001, Colombia

#### **Thursday, June 20 --- Quibdo, Chocó Department/Travel**

*Attire: Field Dress.*

7:00am –8:00am Breakfast at hotel; check out

8:00am – 8:30am Transit via hired car to Quibdo Ministry of Health

8:30am – 9:30am **Meeting with Quibdo Hospital Leaders**

Chocó, located in the northwestern part of Colombia, currently has one of the highest rates of poverty (49.9%) and extreme poverty (17.5%) in the country. Through the collaborative work of PAHO/WHO, Colombian Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Ministry of Health, Health Secretariat of Chocó, health care providers, and more, came together to develop a project to improve quality of care, staff training and resources, and strengthen the health system of Chocó to empower families, communities, and community partners.

During the meeting, the Delegation will learn more from midwives and doctors involved in the project to support maternal and child health outcomes and challenges of rurality and weak infrastructure that impede access to timely neonatal and obstetric care from the San Francisco de Asis Hospital and the Ismael Roldan Hospital.

*Principal Speakers: Yeferson Córdoba, Health Secretary of Chocó; Juan Amud Martínez, Director of San Francisco Hospital; Dr. Naudy Ortega, Director of Ismael Roldán Hospital; Manuela Mosquera Moreno, Leader of the Midwives' Association of the Chocó Department.*

*Location: Cl. 21 #20-126, Quibdó, Chocó, Colombia*

9:00am – 9:15am Transit via hired car to Ismael Roldán Hospital

9:15am – 10:05am **Visit to Ismael Roldán Hospital**

Chocó, located in the northwestern part of Colombia, currently has one of the highest rates of poverty (49.9%) and extreme poverty (17.5%) in the country. During this visit, the delegation will learn about UNICEF's support for the immunization program, including cold chain, vaccination campaigns and evidence generation and their donation of a power generator.

*Principal Speakers: Tatiana Placio, UNV Health and Nutrition Field Officer, UNICEF; Andrea Palencia, Health and Nutrition Officer, UNICEF; Dr. Naudy Ortega, Director of Ismael Roldán Hospital*

*Location: Cl. 21 #20-126, Quibdó, Chocó*

10:05am – 11:05am Transit via hired car to Lloró

11:05am – 11:10am Continue transit on foot to the Health Clinic Lloró

11:10am – 12:30pm **Visit to Lloró Municipal Center**

The Chocó Department is the most heavily malaria-burdened Department in Colombia. Lloró Community is home to more than 11,000 inhabitants, both Afro-descendants and Indigenous peoples, in a rural area of the Chocó Department. The delegation will observe vaccination-related activities in a variety of settings, malaria testing and diagnostics, and generator power sources to ensure reliable health services.

*Principal Speakers: Dr. Mauricio Cerpa, PAHO/WHO Colombia; Luis Jimenez McInnis, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Margherita Ghiselli, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Andrea Palencia, Health and Nutrition Officer, UNICEF; Tatiana Palacio, Health and Nutrition UNV, Chocó Field Office*

*Location: Lloró Municipal Center, Chocó, Colombia*

12:30pm – 1:30pm Transit via hired car to Quibdó (Brisas del Atrato Restaurant)

1:30pm – 2:45pm **Working Lunch on Community-Based Surveillance in Chocó**

Chocó is a highly dispersed department with a high degree of rurality and weak health infrastructure that explain why health service delivery is so difficult for communities to access. CDC, through the FETP program, and UN agencies including UNICEF's Expanded Program on Immunization work throughout the department to improve quality of care.

Chocó is one of the focus departments for recent investments to deliver and install energy generators in health facilities and collection centers of the Expanded Program on Immunizations with UNICEF to maintain the cold chain and storage of vaccines at adequate temperatures during transport and immunization activities in rural areas.

This working lunch is an opportunity to learn more about CDC and UN community-based activities throughout the department on immunization and health activities to reduce the number of zero-dose children and improve child health outcomes.

*Principal Speakers: Monica Villanueva, Deputy Director, Venezuela Response and Integration Office, USAID/Colombia; Andrea Palencia, Health and Nutrition Officer, UNICEF; Tatiana Palacios, UNV Health and nutrition Chocó Field Office, UNICEF; Dr. Maritza Gonzalez, FETP Coordinator, INS; INS FETP fellows; Mauricio Cerpa, PAHO/Colombia; Luis Jimenez McInnis, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Margherita Ghiselli, PAHO/Washington, D.C.*

*Location: Restaurante Brisas del Atrato in Quibdó, Cra. 2n #34-1, Quibdó, Chocó, Colombia*

3:00pm – 3:15pm Transit via hired car to the *Malecón/Port*

3:15pm – 3:35pm Transit via boat to Bahía Solano Community

3:35pm – 4:35pm **Visit to Barrio Avenida Bahía Solano Community**

Bahía Solano is a community of the Chocó Department just outside of the capital city of Quibdó, which is mostly populated by Afrodescendants but also surrounded by Indigenous peoples. During this site visit, the Delegation will observe health activities conducted at the community health post, including routine malaria services. The delegation will also have an opportunity to observe CDC's FETP malaria community-based surveillance activities.

*Principal Speakers: Dr. Mauricio Cerpa, PAHO; Luis Jimenez McInnis, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Margherita Ghiselli, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Monica Villanueva, Deputy Director, Venezuela Response and Integration Office, USAID/Colombia; Dr. Maritza Gonzalez, FETP Coordinator, INS; INS FETP fellows.*

*Location: Barrio Avenida Bahía Solano, Quibdó, Chocó, Colombia*

4:35pm – 5:00pm	Transit via hired boat to the <i>Malecón/Port</i>
5:00pm – 5:15pm	Transit via hired car to El Caraño Airport (UIB) <i>Note: the airport is located across the street from the hotel, so we will have time to return to the hotel and collect bags before proceeding to the departure terminal</i>
5:15pm – 6:30pm	Check in for flight
6:30pm	<b>Depart UIB on Clic flight 8943 to BOG</b> <i>Travel time: 1 hr 5 min</i>
7:35pm	<b>Arrive BOG</b>
7:35 – 8:15pm	Arrival procedure and transit via hired car to Hyatt Place Bogota / Convention Center
8:15pm – 9:30pm	<b>Dinner at Hotel, at leisure</b>
Overnight	Hyatt Place Bogota / Convention Center Av. Calle 24 # 40 - 47, Bogota, Colombia, 111321 +57 601 4481234

**Friday, June 21 --- Bogotá / Travel**

*Attire: Business Casual/Casual*

8:00am – 9:00am Breakfast at hotel & check-out

9:00am – 9:30am Transit via hired car to Instituto Nacional de Salud de Colombia  
*Location: Avenida calle 26 No. 51-20 - Zona 6 CAN. Bogotá, D.C.*

9:30am – 12:00pm **Meeting with Instituto Nacional de Salud (INS) and Emergency Operations Center**

The delegation will meet with leadership from the Instituto Nacional de Salud (INS) and the INS Public Health Emergency Operations Center. USG and INS partner to improve health security, capacity building, and disease surveillance in Colombia.

CDC worked with INS to launch Colombia's FETP, and the collaboration with INS has since become a more robust engagement focused on strengthening INS' capacities in detecting and responding to public health threats in Colombia. CDC's collaboration with INS has also including supporting INS in their leadership with the network of South American FETPs, also known as REDSUR. During this visit, INS will discuss the role of their institution in protecting the health of people in Colombia and the collaboration with partners (including CDCs longstanding collaboration with INS). There will also be a visit to the Emergency Operations Center, where the delegation will speak with graduates from CDC training programs that have been improving INS' capacity to rapidly detect and respond to public health threats in Colombia.

In addition, USAID and CDC worked together on a 3-year project in Guapi, Colombia, which concluded in 2023. This project built institutional and local capacity at both central (INS) and sub-national (Cauca government) levels with strong engagement from the National Malaria Program. Although the project ended in 2023, USAID's support to vector control studies will continue via CDC's technical assistance to national institutions. The entomology department at the INS will share the results of the former project as well as the plans for future studies in the coming years in the Cauca region, which is heavily impacted by malaria.

*Principal Speakers: Luis Jimenez McInnis, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Margherita Ghiselli, PAHO/Washington, D.C.; Mauricio Cerpa, PAHO/Colombia; Monica Villanueva, Deputy Director, Venezuela Response and Integration Office, USAID/Colombia; Dr. Fernando Ruiz,*

*Minister of Health and Social Protection; Luis Alexander Moscoso,  
Deputy Minister of Public Health and Service Provision; Julia Kibunja,  
CDC/GHC; Andrea Palencia, Nutrition Officer, UNICEF*

*Location: Avenida calle 26 No. 51-20 - Zona 6 CAN. Bogotá, D.C.*

12:00pm – 12:30pm Transit via hired car to Inkanto Peruvian

12:30pm – 2:00pm **Working Lunch with CDC Field Epidemiology Training Program  
Fellows**

The delegation will have a working lunch with CDC’s Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) Fellows based in Colombia and engaged in immunization and surveillance efforts.

The CDC FETP trains a global workforce of field epidemiologists, or “disease detectives” around the world. CDC works closely with partner countries to establish FETPs across the globe. The training programs create a cadre of well-trained disease detectives with the skills to gather critical data and turn it into action. Training focuses on “learning by doing” and residents spend over 75% of their time in the field, learning about outbreak investigation, conducting studies, and training other healthcare workers. When health threats strike, these trained disease detectives investigate and apply their knowledge to keep people from getting sick. This lunch is an opportunity to learn more about the disease surveillance challenges facing Colombia’s most vulnerable populations.

*Principal Speakers: Dr. Franklyn Prieto; Dr. Maritza González, FETP  
Colombia Coordinator, INS; INS FEPT Fellows; Julia Kibunja,  
CDC/GHC*

*Location: Inkanto Peruvian Cuisine (Gran Estación), Ac. 26 #62-47,  
Bogotá*

2:00pm – 2:15pm Transit via hired car to Hyatt Place Bogota / Convention Center

2:15pm – 2:45pm Finish packing; check out of hotel

2:45pm – 4:45pm **Meeting with Colombia Health Cluster**

The delegation will have an opportunity to meet with a Health Cluster, including different partners from humanitarian agencies (NGOs), health

authorities, and academia to demonstrate the coordination of activities in emergencies – especially migration – and on-the-ground partnership between the actors. This is an opportunity for staff to see the work of US-UN agencies both as implementers and as technical advisors, supporting locally-driven and managed projects and solutions.

*Principal Speakers: Dr. Gina Tambini, Country Representative, PAHO/WHO; Ministry of Health; Karol Sanchez, Health and Nutrition in Emergencies, UNICEF*

*Location: Bursztyn Room, Floor T, Hyatt Place Bogota/Convention Center, Meeting Room*

4:45pm – 5:15pm Transit via hired car to entrance to Monserrate

5:15pm – 6:30pm **Cultural Tour of Monserrate**

*Location: Carrera 2da. Este No. 21 - 48, Paseo de Bolívar.*

6:30pm – 8:30pm **Delegation Debrief Dinner**

The delegation will have a working dinner to debrief and discuss observations, reflections, and learnings from meetings and facility visits.

*Location: Casa San Isidro, Cerro de Monserrate, Estación funicular, Cra. 2 Este ## 21-48, Bogotá*

8:30pm – 9:15pm Transit via hired car to BOG Airport

9:15pm **Arrive Bogotá Airport; check in for flight**

11:55pm **Depart BOG on Avianca flight 148 to IAD**  
*Flight time 5h 30m*

## **Saturday, June 22 --- Travel**

*Attire: Casual*

6:25am **Arrive Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD)**