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, 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: Chris Crawford
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☐ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): _____
3. a. Dates: Departure: 10/5/2024 Return: 10/13/2024
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: _____ ***OR*** ☐ None
4. Departure City: Washington, D.C. Destination: Nairobi, Kenya Return City: Washington, D.C.
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation; Eleanor Crook Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Meetings and site visits to discuss malnutrition's impact on communities and how conservation can play a role in improved access to health services, food production, and income.
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 *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
   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:** 10/23/2024

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: Earl L. "Buddy" Carter **Date:** 10/23/2024

Signature of Supervising Member: Earl L Buddy Carter

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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.

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1. Sponsor(s) who paid or provided in-kind support for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation; Eleanor Crook Foundation
2. Travel Destination(s): Nairobi, Kenya ; Ol Kinyei Conservancy, Kenya
3. Date of Departure: Oct. 5, 2024 Date of Return: Oct. 13, 2024
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Christopher Crawford, Nancy Peele, Luke Sandlin, Lydia Angel

   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	$1786.78	$1620.00	$296.75	$483.00
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: John B Gantt Jr **Date:** 10/21/2024

Name: John Basil Gantt **Title:** President

Organization: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

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

Address: 1200 Potomac St NW Washington, DC 20007

Telephone: 202-471-4222 **Email:** johngantt@iccfoundation.us; cweis@iccfoundatoin.us

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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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:

   International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF)

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: 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): See addendum.

5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: 10/5/2024 Date of Return: 10/13/2024
7. a. City of departure: Washington, D.C.
   b. Destination(s): Nairobi, Kenya; Ol Kinyei Conservancy, Kenya
   c. City of return: Washington, D.C.
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. _____

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 addendum.

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

14. ☐ I represent that the expenditures related to local area travel during the trip will be unrelated to personal or recreational activities of the invitee(s). *Signify that the statement is true by checking box.*

15. ***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 addendum.
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: See Addendum.

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

   Hotel Name: Fairmont the Norfolk City: Nairobi Cost Per Night: $190
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to meetings and site visits in Nairobi.
   Hotel Name: Ol Kinyei Cottages City: Maasai Mara Cost Per Night: $350
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to conservation and development project sites visited.
   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.*

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	$2394	$1620	$150 See addendum.
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	$528	$348 (Conservancy fees) $180 (Tips)
For each Accompanying Family Member		

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: 8/30/2024

Name: John Basil Gantt Title: President

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4. Each individual was invited to see the impact that malnutrition has on communities, particularly mothers and children, and see how conservation can play a role in improved access to health services, food production, and income.

- *Luke Sandlin, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Tom Emmer (R-MN)*
  Luke Sandlin covers agriculture and food and environmental protection for Rep. Emmer.

- *Lydia Angel, Policy Analyst, Rep. Steny Hoyer (D-MD)*
  Lydia Angel covers environmental protection and natural resources for Rep. Hoyer.

- *Nancy Peele, Chief of Staff, Rep. Bruce Westerman (R-AR)*
  Nancy Peele is Chief of Staff to Rep. Bruce Westerman, who chairs the House Natural Resources Committee and is a member of the International Conservation Caucus.

- *Chris Crawford, Chief of Staff, Rep. Buddy Carter (R-GA)*
  Chris Crawford is Chief of Staff to Rep. Buddy Carter, who is a member of the International Conservation Caucus.

- *Deena Tauster, Chief of Staff, Rep. Andrew Garbarino (R-NY)*
  Deen Tauster is Chief of Staff to Rep. Andrew Garbarino, who is co-chair of the House Climate Solutions Caucus and is a member of the International Conservation Caucus.

12. The International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF) educates U.S. policymakers and other global political and business leaders on the vital links between good natural resource management, sustainable economic development, conflict avoidance, and regional security. ICCF organized the logistics of lodging and travel for the trip and identified topics and expert speakers.

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. ECF has provided ICCF with a grant to underwrite the cost of this trip and did not have a role in selecting House travelers.

15(b) The purpose of this mission is to familiarize and educate the delegation about the impact that malnutrition has on communities, particularly mothers and children, and see how conservation can play a role in improved access to health services, food production, and income. The delegation will visit acute malnutrition health clinics and maternal nutrition programs in hospitals while in Nairobi and visit sites within Ol Kinyei Conservancy to see how the conservancy model not only helps protect wildlife and habitat, but involves local communities by providing income generation through land lease programs, tourism, and agricultural development.

Rates at Ol Kenyei Cottages are inclusive of lodging, meals, and vehicle and guide costs. Rates at the Fairmont the Norfolk are inclusive of breakfast.

18. The cost of lodging reflects the full amount of inclusive rates offered at each location as outlined above. These rates are exclusive of conservation fees and tips.

Other expenses description: Mara Conservancy Conservation fee ($116 per person/per day), tips ($30 per person/per day)

ICCF

Congressional Staff Delegation to Kenya

October 5th-13th, 2024

Saturday, October 5th - Travel Day

21:05	Flight AA8120 departs Washington, DC (IAD)

Sunday, October 6th - Travel Day

16:45	Flight AA8120 arrives in Doha (DOH)
16:45 - 18:30	Layover in Doha (DOH)
18:30	Flight AA8202 departs Doha (DOH) -
23:50	Flight AA8202 arrives in Nairobi (NBO)

Accommodations: Fairmont The Norfolk

Monday, October 7th

23:50 - 01:30	Clear customs, transfer to hotel and check in
09:00 - 9:30	Breakfast and briefing at the hotel with ICCF representatives
	ICCF representatives will outline the purpose and agenda of the mission, give an overview of ICCF, and provide background on US government support for conservation, food security, and human development in Kenya, providing participants with baseline information they will need throughout the trip.
09:00 - 09:30	Transfer to US Embassy Nairobi
09:30-10:30	Meeting with US Ambassador Margaret (Meg) Whitman
	The delegation will meet with Ambassador Whitman to hear about current US - Kenya relationship dynamics in the national and regional context. The Ambassador will also update the group on the US role in malnutrition and conservation efforts in Kenya. This briefing will provide participants with important background and context about the work of US agencies like USAID, USDA, and the US Fish & Wildlife Service, among others, as well as US partnerships with UN agencies like UNDP, UNEP, and the World Food Programme, which directly relate to participants' work on conservation and

food security issues.

10:30 - 11:00 Transfer to Parliament.

11:00 - 12:00 Meeting with leaders of the Parliamentary Conservation and Climate Change Caucus - Kenya (P4CK)

Members of the P4CK will brief participants on the work of the caucus and the challenges its members seek to address in Parliament. The delegation will gain an understanding of gaps in Kenya's conservation and climate change policies, including how those policies align with the country's priorities on food security and development, and provide important context for sites and projects visited throughout the remainder of the trip.

The P4CK is a multiparty coalition of Members of Parliament with a commitment to elevating the role that stewardship of natural resources plays in Kenyan domestic policy and East Africa's regional development strategy. The members of this coalition recognize that a focus on resource security within Parliament is vital to ensuring Kenya's stability and prosperity, and to addressing its food, water, poaching, deforestation, and energy challenges. They also recognize that solving these challenges will require the public and private sectors to work together.

12:00 - 12:30 Depart Parliament meeting and transfer to lunch

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch briefing with Edgar Okoth Onyango, National Coordinator for Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Civil Society Network

Mr. Onyango will brief the delegation on the role and scope of civil society groups in implementing programs on the ground in Kenya to address malnutrition, including food security projects funded by US and UN agencies. The SUN Civil Society Network (CSN) encourages the formation of vibrant civil society alliances, with such alliances existing in 39 SUN Countries today. The network represents over 3,000 organizations locally, nationally and internationally, spanning multiple sectors and backgrounds, including four regional coordination groups – two of which (covering Asia and East and Southern Africa) were set up in 2016-2017. The network, in 2016-2017, developed a theory of change to provide a shared framework within which national alliances and the global network can work – to inform the development of national and regional strategies and support implementation.

14:00 - 14:30 Transfer to Ministry of Health

14:30 - 16:30 Meeting with Ministry of Health officials

The Ministry of Health's vision is to ensure "A globally competitive, healthy

and productive nation." The Ministry is the focal point for Inter and cross governmental a collaboration and public private partnerships for improving food systems, environmental advocacy and ending deaths and illnesses related to malnutrition. Ministry of Health officials will brief the delegation on the acute malnutrition program to prepare the group for their visit to the clinic in the afternoon. The Ministry of Health partners with organizations like SUN, PATH and other stakeholders, including USAID and the UN, to run malnutrition programs that aim to both treat and more importantly prevent malnutrition among mothers and children. This briefing and subsequent site visit will further inform participants' work on food security.

16:30 - 17:00 Return to the hotel, clean up for dinner at the hotel

18:30 - 20:30 Dinner briefing with Gladys Mugambi, SUN Movement Executive Committee Co-Chair and Project Visit

Ms. Mugambi will discuss how civil society, through SUN in particular, coordinates with Kenya's Ministry of Health on important nutrition programs and initiatives. Participants will then visit an acute childhood malnutrition clinic that serves Nairobi and surrounding communities.

Accommodations: Fairmont The Norfolk

Tuesday, October 8th

08:00 - 09:00 Breakfast briefing at the hotel with Dr. Emily Njuguna, Director Maternal and Newborn Health for PATH Africa Region

Dr. Njuguna will brief participants on PATH's Maternal, Newborn, Child Health & Nutrition (MNCHN) program, which focuses on crucial supports to enable populations to both survive and thrive. Their work spans the value chain from discovery to delivery, and PATH uses science and evidence to drive their approach and efforts to achieve impact. The delegation will learn about the resources available to address nutrition in mothers and babies and their effectiveness, which will inform participants' work on food security issues.

09:00 - 09:30 Transfer to Pumwani Lactation Management Center

10:00 - 11:30 Visit Pumwani Lactation Management Center

Participants will visit the Pumwani Lactation Management Center to learn about the essential nutrients and benefits of breastmilk for babies, especially neonates or premature babies. The visit will further inform participants' work on food security. Pumwani hospital has the first human

milk bank that provides essential nutrients and lactation support to mothers and babies during the first critical days and weeks of life. Without the proper lactation consulting, mothers can tend to opt out of breastfeeding and not have the means or access to proper formula and nutrients when returning home - oftentimes to a village with limited access to goods and services.

11:30 - 12:00	Transfer to lunch
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch with SUN CSA program manager to give overview of afternoon project visit to Komb Green Solutions *Komb Green Solutions is a community based organization created to clean up surrounding areas of the community while creating jobs for community members. This briefing and subsequent site visit will inform participants' work on conservation and food security by showcasing community efforts to reduce poverty, support the urban environment, and produce alternative livelihoods.*
13:30 - 14:30	Transfer to Korogocho Slum
14:30 - 17:00	Visit Komb Green Solutions in the Korogocho Slum *The Youth population in Korogocho and the surrounding communities are high. With limited job opportunities, the youth population was subject to gang violence and drug use. Komb Green was created to clean up a specific area of the Slum that was unkempt and often used for drug use and gang activity. Komb Green now employs local youth to clean up and restore the watershed of the Nairobi river, work at urban farming and hydroponics projects, and engage young kids in mentorships and exchange programs.*
17:00 - 18:00	Return to hotel
18:30 - 20:30	Dinner briefing with local conservation, food security, and human development organizations *ICCF partners and others implementing food security and conservation initiatives will convene to discuss the overlapping issues facing Kenya and East Africa. The delegation will hear about a wide array of conservation and food security projects being implemented on the ground, including projects supported by US and UN agencies, and how the issues overlap, giving participants a better understanding of the scope of projects in the region. Invited participants include: PATH, USAID, UN Environment Programme, World Wildlife Fund, SUN CSN, Wildlife Conservation Society, Members of the Kenyan P4CK, African Wildlife Foundation, African Parks, BAND*

Foundation, UNICEF, Kenyan Ministry of Health, and World Food Programme.

Accommodations: Fairmont The Norfolk

Wednesday, October 9th

08:30 - 09:30	Transfer to airport
10:30	Flight P2 1473 departs Nairobi (WIL)
11:10	Flight P2 1473 arrives at Naboisho Airstrip (OSJ)
11:10 - 12:10	Transfer to Ol Kinyei Cottages in the Ol Kinyei Conservancy
12:10 - 12:30	Check in
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch briefing with Gamewatchers CEO Dr. Mohanjeet Brar on tourism and conservation *Dr. Mohanjeet Brar will brief the delegation on the role of sustainable tourism in supporting conservation. The delegation will gain a better understanding of the ecotourism models in Kenya and the economic opportunities presented for local communities, which will inform participants' work in Congress on conservation and natural resource issues. Mohanjeet started his career as the Managing Director of Gamewatchers Safaris & Porini Camps in 2005. In 2019, he became a Trustee of the Wildlife Habitat Trust and a Board Member of the Kenya Tourism Board. Mohanjeet also served as a Board Member of the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association from 2013 to 2021. In 2021, he co-founded Earthacre and became a Board Member of the African Wildlife Foundation, the Kenya Association of Tour Operators, and the African Conservation Center. Overall, Mohanjeet Brar has held various leadership positions and contributed significantly to the tourism and conservation sectors.*
14:00 - 14:30	Transfer to local school program
14:30 - 16:00	Visit local school to see the conservancy role in programs such as the Digital Learning and Empowering Girls programs. *The delegation will visit health and education programs supported by the community conservancy model. The visits will showcase how conservation is supporting human development and inform participants' work on conservation and food security, demonstrating how ecotourism can support development and reduce poverty and food insecurity.*

The Digital Learning Project is a collaborative effort with WiLearn 4 Life, backed by the PD Foundation, with a mission to empower the community with digital and tech skills.

The Empowering Girls Program is a partnership with Gamewatchers Safaris and PadMad, a Kenyan social enterprise, to tackle period poverty through the provision of a sustainable solution: reusable sanitary towels. In addition to supplying these eco-friendly pads, the organization offers comprehensive education on Menstrual Health Management and Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights to underprivileged and marginalized communities. The sanitary towels are stitched in rural Kenyan communities using locally sourced materials, thereby not only meeting a crucial need but also empowering marginalized women through employment opportunities.

16:00 - 18:30 Field briefing with conservancy representatives to introduce the delegation to the Maasai Mara ecosystem

Conservancy representatives will brief the delegation on the Maasai Mara ecosystem en route though the conservancy. This will inform participants on the types and density of fauna and flora found in the conservancies and the larger ecosystem, which will lay a foundation for later discussions on how conservation of these natural assets supports Kenya's development.

The Maasai Mara is Kenya's most important wildlife and tourism area. Roughly 25% of Kenya's wildlife resides within the greater Maasai Mara region, a 4,500 km2 wildlife landscape comprised of the 1,510 km2 Maasai Mara National Reserve (MMNR) and 3,000 km2 of adjacent community and private lands. This area includes the key dry season range for the largest animal migration left on Earth.

18:30 - 19:00 Return to camp

19:00 - 21:30 Dinner briefing on critical landscape conservation, including protected areas management and other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) like the Maasai Mara conservancies

ICCF staff will lead a discussion on management challenges of protected areas and OECMs and explore partnership models that make these areas effective. Participants will learn, broadly, how each of these models operate and how they support short and long-term sustainability throughout the continent. This discussion will inform participants' work on conservation and natural resources by illustrating how different models are successful in their respective contexts.

Protected areas are widely recognized as the "anchors" to any effort to preserve and regenerate nature and restore ecosystems for the benefit of wildlife, human well-being, and Africa's economies. Yet, most African

countries lack the funding and capacity necessary to effectively manage protected areas.

OECMs are defined as "a geographically defined area other than a Protected Area, which is governed and managed in ways that achieve positive and sustained long-term outcomes for the in situ *conservation of biodiversity, with associated ecosystem functions and services and, where applicable, cultural, spiritual, socioeconomic, and other locally relevant values."*

Accommodations: Ol Kinyei Cottages

Thursday, October 10th

06:30 - 09:00 Field briefing to obverse predator activity and discuss human-wildlife conflict

Conservancy representatives will guide participants to track lion pride movements, discussing, en route, the important role lions and other predators play in the ecosystem as well as the Maasai's historical relationship with lions and present threats of human-wildlife conflict. This discussion will provide participants with key background information and observations on how predators, in particular, support the overall health of the ecosystem on human-wildlife conflict, traditional practices of indigenous groups, and the challenges these create for local buy-in to ecotourism as a development solution.

09:00 - 10:30 Breakfast and field briefing with Senior Warden Simon Nkoitoi, a Maasai from the community who leads the Ol Kinyei Conservancy management on the ground.

Simon Nkoitoi will brief the delegation on Ol Kenyei's management and operations, as well as its successes and challenges. The discussion will provide participants with the warden's unique perspectives as a community member with respect to his conservancy, which will also inform later discussions with the MMWCA on the broader conservancy model.

10:30 - 11:00 Return to camp

11:30 - 13:30 Lunch with Daniel Sopia, CEO of the Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association (MMWCA)

Daniel Sopia will brief the delegation on the community conservancy model employed around the Maasai Mara, including its history, the unique ownership and land-use rights associated with it, and the direct support they are receiving from USAID. This discussion will further inform participants' work on conservation and natural resources, illustrating how

the conservancy model generates sustainable incomes for individual landowners.

The Maasai Mara Wildlife Conservancies Association is a membership organization of the Mara Conservancies established in 2013. They have a mandate from landowners and tourism parties to play an overarching coordination role for Greater Mara Ecosystem stakeholders. Currently, they have a membership of 24 conservancies at different stages of development, covering about 450,000 acres. The member conservancies bring together over 15,000 landowners who annually receive approximately 7.5 Million paid as lease fees.

13:30 - 15:00 Afternoon Break. No activities are planned at this time, and members of the delegation will have an opportunity to rest before evening activities.

15:00 - 18:00 Field briefing and visit to a local boma (Maasai homestead) to see one of the lion-proof enclosures and discuss with community members, led by Sammy Ole Mpusia, the community liaison officer.

Sammy Ole Mpusia was instrumental in setting up the Ol Kinyei conservancy 19 years ago and getting community buy-in, which is still an ongoing process. He will brief the delegation about cost-effective solutions, like the lion-proof enclosures, to mitigating these conflicts, as well as ways in which conservation benefits humans living in proximity to parks and protected areas. For participants, this discussion will build on the morning's observations to see how the communities are tangibly addressing these challenges.

Human-wildlife conflict is a serious obstacle to wildlife conservation worldwide and is becoming more prevalent as human population increases, development expands, and other human and environmental factors put people and wildlife in greater direct competition for a shrinking resource base.

18:00 - 19:00 Return to camp

19:00 - 20:30 Dinner briefing with Viraj Sikand, CEO of EarthAcre

Viraj Sikand will brief the delegation on efforts to expand nature-based economic opportunities for the Mara conservancies. Participants will learn how markets for conservation credits can provide additional income streams to communities, further illustrating how conservation can support development and reduce poverty and food insecurity.

EarthAcre pairs community knowledge with technology to ensure landowners are paid for their role in the protection of nature. EarthAcre works with communities and local partners to implement regenerative and

sustaining activities on the land. Biodiversity assets are measured through on-ground and spatial technologies, and payments are distributed from the markets equitably, transparently and directly to individuals for their sustainable contributions as part of the community.

Accommodations: Ol Kinyei Cottages

Friday, October 11th

07:00 - 08:00	Breakfast briefing at the camp on combating wildlife trafficking (CWT) *ICCF representatives will lead a discussion of global efforts to combat wildlife trafficking. As both populations and economies have grown in East Asia, the demand for wildlife products has surged, sending the black-market price of ivory, rhino horn, and other products to historic highs. Poaching and wildlife trafficking in Africa are destabilizing economies, decimating iconic species, financing violent insurgent groups and international criminal organizations, contributing to the deterioration of governance, and creating large swaths of land in which insurgent groups can train and operate.* The delegation will learn about the poaching risks facing conservation areas as well as recent legislative and policy successes in Kenya and the region.
08:00 - 10:00	Field briefing with conservancy representatives to learn about wildlife tracking methods and their application for conservation, including combating poaching. The delegation will also learn about the process and training to become a guide or ranger in Kenya and the opportunities these roles create for local employment.
10:00 - 10:30	Transfer to Youth Beekeeping Initiative
10:30 - 11:30	Visit Youth Beekeeping Initiative *The delegation will visit the Youth Beekeeping Initiative, which teaches local youth to harvest honey from hives that help local bee populations. Participants will learn how the initiative provides youth with livelihood and incomes for their communities.*
11:30 - 12:00	Return to camp
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch with Dr. John Sankok, CEO of Community Health Partners (CHP) *Dr. Sankok will brief the delegation on CHP's health and community development programs. The delegation will learn how these programs work in tandem with the conservancy model to support human development in the communities. Community Health Partners has been on the forefront of healthcare since 1980, and played an especially big role during the*

COVID-19 pandemic. They work on two fronts: primary health care services and community development initiatives.Their overall strategic plan is to contribute to the delivery of quality, accessible, and affordable health services.

13:30 - 15:00 Afternoon Break. No activities are planned at this time, and members of the delegation will have an opportunity to rest before evening activities.

15:00 - 18:00 Field briefing in the neighboring Mara Ripoi conservancy, to see a vital corridor linking habitats, which is key to restore biodiversity and ensure healthy ecosystems for the wildlife and Maasai people.

Conservancy representatives will brief the delegation, en route through Mara Ripoi, on the importance of connecting wildlife migration routes. Sixty-five percent of wildlife live outside of Kenya's protected areas, so the success of the conservancy model is not only in income generation for individual landowners but also in connecting land for wildlife in the buffer area around the Maasai Mara National Reserve. In visiting a neighboring conservancy, the delegation will observe how wildlife can thrive in this environment, which will further inform their work on conservation and natural resources.

The Mara has traditionally dealt with fencing put up by landowners trying to protect their land and livestock. The Mara is home to the migration of many of Africa's iconic species, namely the wildebeest migration. The fencing in the region disrupts the migration patterns, which leads to the animals being disoriented and/or trapped. The conservancy model has worked with local landowners to reduce the amount of fencing through education, livestock, and land leasing programs.

19:00 - 20:30 Dinner briefing on global biodiversity and habitat loss, land use change, and environmental migration

ICCF representatives will lead a discussion on global biodiversity loss and its implications. More than one million species may be in danger of extinction this century, creating grave threats to human health, well-being, food security, regional stability, and continued economic success. Africa is the most vulnerable continent to the impacts of these changes, subject to increasing frequency and severity of natural disasters, unpredictable rainfall, and widespread crop failure. An estimated 36 million people across Africa are displaced, mostly from conflict. This number has tripled since 2011, representing 44% of the global total.

This discussion will tie together information learned on the trip, more closely examine linkages to broader global issues, and include a discussion of various development mechanisms available to finance global

conservation efforts and how these efforts can work in tandem.

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Saturday, October 12th - Travel Day

08:00 - 9:00	Breakfast at the camp and wrap-up. Participants will discuss what they have learned during the visit and have the opportunity to ask final questions.
09:00 - 10:30	Check out and transfer to airstrip
11:15	Flight P2 1496 departs Naboisho Airstrip (OSJ)
12:55	Flight P2 1496 arrives in Nairobi (WIL)
13:00 - 13:30	Transfer to nearby restaurant
13:30 - 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 15:30	Transfer to airport
18:10	Flight AA8227 departs Nairobi (NBO)
23:25	Flights AA8227 arrives in Doha (DOH)
23:25 - 01:20^{+1}	Layover in Doha (DOH)

Sunday, October 13th - Travel Day

01:20	Flight AA8122 departs Doha (DOH)
08:45	Flight AA8122 arrives in Washington, DC (IAD)

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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: International Conservation Caucus 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: Lesly McNitt Weber — Digitally signed by Lesly Weber McNitt Date: 2024.09.04 22:24:41 -04'00' Date: August 30,2024

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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Chris Crawford
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation and Eleanor Crook Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Kenya
4. a. Date of Departure: 10/5/2024 Date of Return: 10/13/2024

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

   If yes, list dates at personal expense: _____
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.**

   Participaton will enhance my ability as Chief of Staff to advise the Congressman on issues related to international conservation for the benefit of our consituents.
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:** 09/05/2024

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October 3, 2024

Mr. Christopher Crawford
Office of the Honorable Earl L. "Buddy" Carter
2432 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Crawford:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Kenya,[1] scheduled for October 5 to 13, 2024, sponsored by the International Conservation Caucus 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

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