

# 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.**

1. Name of Traveler: Zachary Roberts
2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None  
b. Relationship to Traveler:  Spouse  Child  Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. a. Dates: Departure: 02/14/2026 Return: 02/19/2026  
b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: \_\_\_\_\_ **OR**  None
4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Guyana Return City: Washington, DC
5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: United Nations Foundation/Eleanor Crook Foundation
6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: Met with representatives from the government of Guyana, the U.S. Embassy, and the United Nations regarding health, malnutrition, economic growth, and disaster risk reduction.
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: 03/05/2026

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: Austin Scott Date: 03/05/2026  
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): Georgetown and Lethem, Guyana

3. Date of Departure: February 14, 2026 Date of Return: February 19, 2026

4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Zach Roberts

*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	\$2,902.89	\$1,328.90	\$378.69	\$171.48 (Entry/guide fees)
Accompanying Family Member				

6.  All expenses connected to the trip were for actual costs incurred and not a *per diem* or lump sum payment. Signify statement is true by checking box.

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

Signature:  Date: Feb. 26, 2026

Name: Peter Yeo Title: Senior Vice President

Organization: United Nations Foundation

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

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

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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February 12, 2026

Mr. Zachary Roberts  
Office of the Honorable Austin Scott  
2185 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Guyana,<sup>1</sup> scheduled for February 14 to 19, 2026, sponsored by United Nations Foundation and Eleanor Crook Foundation.

You must complete an Employee Post-Travel Disclosure Form (which your employing Member must also sign) and file it, together with a Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form completed by the trip sponsor, with the Clerk of the House within 15 days after your return from travel. As part of that filing, you are also required to attach a copy of this letter and both the Traveler and Primary Trip Sponsor Forms (including attachments) you previously submitted to the Committee in seeking pre-approval for this trip. If you are required to file an annual Financial Disclosure Statement, you must also report all travel expenses totaling more than \$525 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 \$525] 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](mailto: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



Mark DeSaulnier  
Ranking Member

MG/MD:tn

# COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

## TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Zachary John Roberts
2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: United Nations Foundation, Eleanor Crook Foundation
3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Guyana
4. a. Date of Departure: 02/14/2026 Date of Return: 02/19/2026  
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.**  
As Deputy Chief of Staff for Rep. Scott, who serves on the Agriculture and Armed Services Committees, this learning trip will provide insight on work being done to combat agriculture and malnutrition challenges in Guyana, as well as overall challenges in that region of South America.
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: 01/14/2026

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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: Eleanor Crook Foundation

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

Please see attached.

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

6. Date of Departure: February 14, 2026 Date of Return: February 19, 2026

7. a. City of departure: Washington, DC

b. Destination(s): Georgetown, Yupukari Village, and Lethem, Guyana

c. City of return: Washington, DC

8. **Check only one.** I represent that

a.  The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**

b.  The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**

c.  The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
  - b.  I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
  - c.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
  - d.  I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. \_\_\_\_\_
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10.  Attached is a detailed agenda of the activities House invitees will be participating in during the travel (i.e., an hourly description of planned activities for trip invitees). *Indicate agenda is attached by checking box.*

11. **Check only one of the following.**
- a.  I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify 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:  
**Please see attached.**
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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:  
 There are no commercial flights to Yupukari Village, making a one-way charter the only option. Participants will, however, return from Lethem via a commercial airline.
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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): \$141
    - 2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Please see attached.
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16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:

Hotel Name:	<u>Jewelz by King's Hotel</u>	City:	<u>Georgetown, Guyana</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$425</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>Favorable rate and location.</u>				
Hotel Name:	<u>Takutu Hotel</u>	City:	<u>Lethem, Guyana</u>	Cost Per Night:	<u>\$80</u>
Reason(s) for Selecting:	<u>Favorable rate and location.</u>				
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:**

<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	<b>\$3,750</b>	<b>\$1,355</b>	<b>\$564</b>
For each Accompanying Family Member			


	<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		
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: Jan. 29, 2026  
 Name: Peter Yeo Title: Senior Vice President  
 Organization: United Nations Foundation  
 Address: 1750 Pennsylvania Ave NW Suite 300 Washington, DC 20006  
 Email: pyeo@unfoundation.org Telephone: 202-887-9040

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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## 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: 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:  Date: 12/16/2025

Name: Mariana Becerra Title: Director of North American Advocacy

Organization: Eleanor Crook Foundation

Address: 227 N Mitchell St. San Marcos, TX 78666

Telephone: 2027660197 Email: mbecerra@eleanorcrookfoundation.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).

**UN Foundation Congressional Learning Trip to Guyana  
Answers to Primary Trip Sponsor Form Questions 4, 12, and 15b2**

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

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

Ted Verrill, Chief of Staff  
Rep. Julia Letlow

Chandler Smith, Legislative Director  
Rep. Guy Reschenthaler

Gabbi Sheitelman, Legislative Director  
Rep. Juan Ciscomani

Edward Kim, Legislative Director  
Rep. John Moolenaar

Matt Alvero, Legislative Director  
Rep. Mark Alford

Robyn Russell, Chief of Staff  
Rep. Mike Quigley

Tom Dinegar, Legislative Director  
Rep. Grace Meng

Serena Gobbi, Legislative Director  
Rep. Norma Torres

Matt Hutson, Chief of Staff  
Rep. Andy Harris

James Leavitt, Legislative Director  
Rep. Celeste Maloy

Chris MacArthur, Legislative Director  
Rep. Dan Newhouse

Caroline Paris-Behr, Chief of Staff  
Rep. Lauren Underwood

Walter Gonzales, Legislative Director  
Rep. Glenn Ivey

John Rayburn, Legislative Director  
Rep. Rosa DeLaura

Lauren Toy, Chief of Staff  
Rep. Susie Lee

Jesse Connolly, Chief of Staff  
Rep. Chellie Pingree

Megan Hannigan, Legislative Director  
Rep. Gregory Meeks

Mary McDonough, Legislative Director  
Rep. Chris Smith

Alyssa Anderson, Chief of Staff  
Rep. Ryan Mackenzie

Colby Harriman, Legislative Director  
Rep. Dina Titus

Ross Dietrich, Legislative Director  
Rep. Brian Mast

Dan Butler, Legislative Director  
Rep. Thomas Kean

Mary Ellen Richardson, Chief of Staff  
Rep. Darin LaHood

Stephanie Pendarvis  
Rep. Joe Wilson

Bryan Brody, Legislative Director  
Rep. Ronny Jackson

Chris Ringer, Legislative Director  
Rep. Sheri Biggs

Mitchell Rivard, Chief of Staff  
Rep. Jason Crow

Zach Roberts, Deputy Chief of Staff  
Rep. Austin Scott

Anna McCleaf, Legislative Director  
Rep. Robert Aderholt

Jennifer Chan, Legislative Director  
Rep. Pramila Prayapal

Isabel Sanchez, Legislative Director  
Rep. Johnny Olszewski Jr.

Wyndee Parker, Legislative Assistant  
Rep. Hakeem Jeffries

Alicia Bissonnette, Legislative Director  
Rep. Greg Stanton

Eric Gebhart, Legislative Director  
Rep. Rob Bresnahan Jr.

Faith Tuttle, Legislative Director  
Rep. Glenn Thompson

Daniel Dziadon, Legislative Director  
Rep. Frank Lucas

Nick Urbin, Legislative Director  
Rep. Ryan Mackenzie

Laura Cottrell, Legislative Director  
Rep. Angie Craig

Miranda Ganter, Legislative Director  
Rep. Jahana Hayes

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

The UN Foundation (UNF) works to educate all Americans, including the U.S. Congress, on the importance of a strong U.S.-UN relationship, with a focus on interconnected issues such as global health, nutrition, sustainable development, and good governance. This learning trip provides an opportunity for policymakers to better understand bilateral and multilateral efforts to improve health outcomes, combat malnutrition and undernutrition, promote sustainable agriculture, advance economic growth, support legal and justice reforms, and strengthen disaster risk reduction efforts in Guyana.

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

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

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

Despite immense growth over the last 10 years, Guyana faces a complex set of health and development challenges shaped by its geography, economic constraints, and social inequalities. Infectious diseases such as malaria remain a concern in interior regions, where access to medical services is quite limited. Historically, Guyana has had one of the higher incidence rates per population at risk in South America, with estimates showing its malaria incidence substantially above neighboring countries like Brazil, Colombia, or Peru. In 2024, the country reported around 27,000 confirmed malaria cases, and estimates suggest tens of thousands of infections occur annually.

Malnutrition also remains a significant public health concern in Guyana, particularly affecting children and communities in the hinterlands. While undernutrition has declined over the years, pockets of stunting, micronutrient deficiencies, and food insecurity persist, especially among Indigenous populations who often have limited access to diverse, nutrient-rich foods. At the same time, the country faces rising rates of overweight and obesity, creating a double burden of malnutrition driven by shifts toward processed foods and lifestyle changes.

On the development side, Guyana struggles with balancing rapid economic change—especially from its expanding oil sector—with sustainable and equitable growth. While new revenues offer opportunities for improved infrastructure and social services, disparities between coastal urban areas and interior Indigenous communities persist. Challenges include upgrading transportation networks, ensuring resilience in a country highly exposed to flooding, and managing education and employment gaps.

During the course of four days on the ground, the delegation will meet with the UN Country Team, U.S. Embassy, and Government of the Guyana to see firsthand how the UN is working with partners to help address these interconnected issues and ensure that economic growth and targeted health interventions translate into long-term, inclusive development.



## Agenda for UNF Congressional Learning Trip to Guyana

February 14-19, 2026

**\*\*All Times Local\*\***  
+1 hours from Washington, DC

### Saturday, February 14 --- Washington, DC/Travel

*Attire: Casual.*

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|-----------|--|
| 1:20pm    | Depart Washington National Airport (DCA) via American Airlines 4476<br><i>Flight time 1h 29m</i> |
| 2:51pm    | Arrive John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)<br><i>Layover 2h 50m</i>                      |
| 5:59pm    | Depart JFK via American Airlines 214<br><i>Flight time 5h 29m</i>                                |
| 12:28am   | Arrive Cheddi Jagan International Airport (GEO)  |
| 1:00am    | Transit via hired car to Jewelz by King's Hotel  |
| 2:00am    | Check in to hotel  |
| Overnight | Jewelz by King's Hotel<br>183 - 184 Waterloo & Quamina Street, Georgetown, Guyana                |

### Sunday, February 15 --- Georgetown

*Attire: Casual.*

#### 10:00am – 11:00am **Working Breakfast with UN Foundation**

The delegation will hold a brief working breakfast to review the day's programming and answer any questions regarding the structure of the Resident Coordinator's Office and the UN Country Team in Guyana.

*Location: Jewelz by King's Hotel*

11:00am – 11:15am Transit via hired car to St. George's Cathedral

#### 11:15am – 11:45am **Expert Guided Visit to St. George's Cathedral**

The delegation will visit St. George's Cathedral, one of Guyana's most iconic landmarks and a remarkable example of colonial-era architecture.

Completed in 1892, the Anglican cathedral is famed for being one of the tallest wooden churches in the world, rising about 143 feet. Beyond its architectural significance, St. George's Cathedral has long been a spiritual and social center for Georgetown, symbolizing the city's colonial history, craftsmanship, and enduring cultural heritage. This visit will provide important context and background on the cultural and religious composition of Guyana.

*Location: St. George's Cathedral*

11:45am – 12:00pm Transit via hired car to Parliament Building

12:00pm – 12:30pm **Expert Guided Visit to Parliament Building**

The delegation will visit Parliament Building, the historic home of the National Assembly, Guyana's legislative branch, and one of the city's most iconic colonial-era structures. Designed by architect Joseph Hadfield and constructed between 1829 and 1834, it was completed on February 21, 1834. The delegation will be briefed on the functions and current makeup of the National Assembly and lingering impacts of Guyana's colonial past.

*Location: Parliament Building*

12:30pm – 12:45pm Transit to 1763 Monument

12:45pm – 1:00pm **Expert Guided Visit to 1763 Monument and Briefing on Historical Impacts of Slavery in Guyana**

The delegation will visit the 1763 Monument, a powerful national symbol that commemorates the Berbice Slave Rebellion of 1763, one of the earliest and most significant anti-colonial uprisings in the country's history. The delegation will learn how the rebellion began on the Magdalenenberg Plantation in Berbice, when enslaved Africans protested brutal treatment and organized a large-scale revolt against Dutch colonial rule. The Dutch responded with military force, eventually suppressing the rebellion after months of fighting. While many of the rebels were killed and harsh reprisals followed, the uprising had a lasting impact as a symbol of resistance and courage.

*Location: 1763 Monument*

1:00pm – 1:30pm Transit via hired car to Parampara, Queenstown

1:30pm – 3:00pm **Working Lunch with Jean Kamau, UN Resident Coordinator in Guyana and H.E. Gail Teixeira, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance**

The delegation will have a working lunch with Jean Kamau, UN Resident Coordinator in Guyana and be briefed on the functions, responsibilities, and priorities of the UN Resident Coordinator's Office and the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Governance.

*Location: Parampara, Queenstown, Georgetown*

3:00pm – 5:45pm Executive Time

5:45pm – 6:00pm Transit via hired car to Deputy Chief of Mission's Residence

6:00pm – 8:00pm **Welcome Working Reception, hosted by John Crippen, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Georgetown**

The delegation will attend a welcome reception at the Deputy Chief of Mission's Residence, joined by various members of the U.S. Country Team, during which they will discuss U.S.-Guyana relations and brief the delegation on additional bilateral and multilateral issues.

*Location: Deputy Chief of Mission's Residence*

## **Monday, February 16 --- Georgetown**

*Attire: Business*

8:00am – 8:30am Breakfast at hotel

8:45am – 9:00am Transit via hired car to UN Resident Coordinator in Guyana's Office

9:00am – 10:15am **Meeting with UN Country Team, led Jean Njeri Kamau, UN Resident Coordinator in Guyana**

The delegation will meet with the UN Country Team to contextualize the major development challenges in Guyana and provide a general overview of how the 20 UN agencies, programmes, and funds in Guyana work together and actively partner with the Government of Guyana and the U.S. to advance inclusive human development, improve health outcomes, promote economic growth, and strengthen sustainable agricultural practices.

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*Location: UN Resident Coordinator in Guyana's Office*

10:15am – 10:30am Transit via hired car to Early Childhood Center at the University of Guyana

10:30am – 11:00am **Visit to Early Childhood Center at the University of Guyana, Supported by UNICEF**

The delegation will visit the University of Guyana to learn how the Early Childhood Center, supported by UNICEF, plays an important role in promoting quality early childhood development and education in the country. Designed as both a learning facility for young children and a training site for university students, the center supports research, teacher preparation, and best practices in early childhood education. With UNICEF's backing, the center emphasizes child-centered learning, inclusivity, health, and early stimulation, helping to strengthen national standards for early education. It also serves as a model for how partnerships between international organizations and local institutions can improve outcomes for children and families in Guyana.

11:00am – 11:05am Transit via hired car to Guyana Forensic Science Laboratory

11:05am – 11:35am **Visit to Guyana Forensic Science Laboratory, Supported by U.S. State Department's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs**

The delegation will visit the Guyana Forensic Science Laboratory to learn how the U.S. Government is supporting Guyana's police forensic capacity through technical assistance and training aimed at strengthening the Guyana Forensic Science Laboratory and the investigative work of the Guyana Police Force.

Through the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), often under the Caribbean Basin Security Initiative, U.S. forensic experts have worked with Guyanese counterparts to assess laboratory operations, improve evidence handling and analysis (including DNA and drug evidence), and build staff skills so forensic results are reliable and usable in court. This support is part of broader U.S.–Guyana security cooperation focused on combating transnational crime, drug trafficking, and improving the effectiveness and credibility of the criminal justice system.

*Location: Guyana Forensic Science Laboratory*

11:35am – 11:45am Transit via hired car to Ministry of Foreign Affairs

11:45am – 12:30pm **Meeting with H.E. Hugh Hilton Todd, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the Co-operative Republic of Guyana**

The delegation will meet with H.E. Hugh Hilton Todd, Minister of

Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to discuss Guyana-U.S. relations and the Government of Guyana's working relationship with the UN.

*Location: Ministry of Foreign Affairs*

12:30pm – 12:45pm Transit to Cara Lodge

12:45pm – 1:45pm **Working Lunch with Private Sector Stakeholders and UN Global Compact Members, including Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry Guyana, and Cerulean Inc.**

The delegation will meet with private sector organizations such as the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce and Industry (GCCI) and the Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry Guyana (WCCIG), which support businesses and advance private sector development and growth. Meeting with these associations, alongside a member of the UN Global Compact (Cerulean Inc.), will provide an opportunity to hear perspectives and experiences on how responsible business practices and Global Compact membership contribute to national private sector growth. This collaboration aligns with the Government's strong commitment to strengthening the private sector as a key driver of inclusive and sustainable development in Guyana.

*Location: Cara Lodge, 294 Quamina Street, Georgetown*

1:45pm – 2:15pm Transit to Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Project

2:15pm – 3:00pm **Visit to Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Project, Supported by FAO**

The delegation will visit an FAO-supported Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Project, implemented in partnership with the Guyana Lands and Surveys Commission (GLSC). The delegation will learn how FAO is working with the Government of Guyana to improve how land and natural resources are planned, managed, and protected across Guyana. The project the delegation will visit aims to strengthen national capacity for sustainable land use by supporting better land-use planning, soil and forest conservation practices, and improved land information and monitoring systems. Through technical assistance, training, and policy support, FAO and GLSC are addressing land degradation and competing land-use demands while promoting environmentally sound and economically viable development.

3:00pm – 3:30pm Transit via hired car to Hope & Justice Center

3:30pm – 4:15pm **Visit to Hope & Justice Center (Region 3), Supported by UNFPA**

The delegation will visit the Hope and Justice Centre, which was established with the support of the UN Spotlight Initiative—a high-impact initiative to end violence against women and girls. The delegation will learn how the Hope and Justice Center is a crucial one-stop facility that integrates police, medical, legal (including free legal aid and forensic interviews), and shelter services to provide holistic support for survivors of domestic violence, gender-based violence, and family violence, streamlining help for vulnerable women and girls. This initiative, a collaboration between the UN, EU, and Guyana's government is successfully strengthening data, laws, and services, with the Centre representing a major step in making support accessible and reducing survivor burden.

*Location: Hope & Justice Center*

4:15pm – 4:30pm Transit via hired car to Jewelz by King's Hotel

4:30pm – 5:20pm Executive Time

5:20pm – 5:30pm Transit via hired car to Theatre Guild of Guyana

5:30pm – 6:00pm **Courtesy Visit with Prof. Paloma Mohamed Martin, Vice Chancellor of the University of Guyana**

The delegation will meet with Prof. Paloma Mohamed Martin, Vice Chancellor of the University of Guyana to discuss the Guyanese higher education system. The delegation will learn how the University of Guyana (UG), which was established in 1963, is the country's premier institution of higher education and plays a central role in national development. As Guyana undergoes rapid economic transformation—particularly with the growth of its oil and gas sector—the university has expanded programs in petroleum engineering, renewable energy, and environmental management to help build local expertise. Beyond academics, the University of Guyana serves as a hub for research, public policy discussion, and cultural life, contributing to the country's workforce development and intellectual leadership.

6:00pm – 6:55pm **Attend University of Guyana Concert: Fusion of Strings and Soul, Held in Honor of the Launch of UG's International Centre for Excellence in Culture, Creative Expression Studies, and Sports**

The delegation will briefly attend a free admission concert at UG in honor of the launch of the International Centre for Excellence in Culture,

Creative Expression Studies, and Sports. The delegation will learn how the University of Guyana is deeply woven into the cultural and historical fabric of the nation. Over the decades, UG has produced generations of teachers, writers, scientists, public servants, and political figures who have shaped the country's development. It has also served as a space for intellectual debate, artistic expression, and national dialogue, hosting lectures, literary events, and research on Guyana's diverse heritage—from Indigenous communities and Afro- and Indo-Guyanese history to environmental conservation in the hinterland. In this way, the university is more than an academic institution; it is a symbol of national identity, self-determination, and cultural pride in Guyana.

As economic growth fuels greater demand for skilled professionals, UG has introduced a range of new high-demand degree programmes—especially in medicine, engineering, marine sciences, and oil and gas fields—and is increasing intake so more students can gain the skills needed in a transforming job market. This expansion has included strategic partnerships with institutions like the Guyana Revenue Authority and the World Bank to develop specialised oil and gas accounting and taxation courses, as well as the launch of programmes in civil engineering, infrastructure, and pre-medical sciences in multiple regions beyond Georgetown. Government investments, backed by rising national revenues, are also supporting significant campus upgrades and decentralised offerings in regions Two, Three, and Six, helping to widen access and align UG's academic capacity with the country's economic opportunities. These developments reflect how the nation's strong economic performance is directly reinforcing growth and innovation at its flagship university.

6:55pm – 7:00pm Transit via hired car to Parampara

7:00pm – 8:30pm **Working Dinner with Representatives of the UN Country Team and David Davidson, Economist, Office of the UN Resident Coordinator in Guyana**

The delegation will have a working dinner with senior UN leaders in Guyana to discuss the interconnected health, human development, and technical expertise delivered by the UN in Guyana.

*Location: Parampara Restaurant, 7 Oronoque St, Georgetown*

8:30pm – 8:40pm Transit via hired car to Jewelz

Overnight Jewelz  
*183 - 184 Waterloo & Quamina Street, Georgetown, Guyana*

**Tuesday, February 17 --- Georgetown/Travel/Yupukari Village/Lethem/St. Ignatius Village**

*Attire: Casual*

- 6:30am – 7:00am Breakfast at hotel
- 7:00am – 7:30am Transit to Eugene F. Correia International Airport (OGL)

*Location: Jags BK Hanger*

- 8:00am Air Dash Charter Flight to Karanambu Landing Strip  
*Flight time 1h 30m*
- 9:45am Arrive Karanambu

- 9:45am – 10:00am Transit via hired car to Yupukari Village

- 10:00am – 12:00pm **Visit to Yupukari Village, Meeting with Village Leaders, and Tour of Village Health Clinic, Computer Lab, Elementary School, and Livelihood Activities, Supported by UNICEF and UNDP**

The delegation will travel to Yupukari, a small Indigenous village of approximately 500 Macushi and Wapishana Amerindian peoples and visit the village’s local health clinic, computer lab, woodworking shop, and elementary school. The delegation will learn how UNICEF is supporting the Yupukari Health Clinic and strengthening healthcare delivery in remote hinterland communities by improving routine childhood immunization through enhanced cold-chain systems, such as solar-powered refrigeration and vaccine carriers. UNICEF is also contributing to community health education by providing materials and training that help health workers promote maternal and child health, nutrition, and disease prevention, including screening for malaria. This visit will help the delegation better understand Guyana’s overall national malaria response—led by the Ministry of Health with partners such as the Pan American Health Organization/WHO (PAHO/WHO) and others—which focuses on universal access to malaria diagnosis (via microscopy and rapid diagnostic tests), active case detection, treatment, integrated vector control (like insecticide-treated nets), and community capacity building in remote and mining-affected areas.

The delegation will also learn about UNDP’s ICT (Information and Communications Technology) Access and e-Services for Hinterland, Poor and Remote Communities Project in Guyana, which has been a major initiative aimed at bridging the digital divide for rural and Indigenous communities by improving access to technology and online public services. Under this programme—implemented in partnership with the

Government of Guyana and funded largely through the Guyana REDD+ Investment Fund (GRIF)—UNDP has supported the establishment of ICT hubs and connectivity infrastructure in over 200 hinterland, poor and remote communities across the country, providing these areas with computers, internet access (including satellite-based connectivity), and the facilities needed to use e-services for education, health, communication and commerce. The project also includes capacity-building and digital skills training so local residents can use technology effectively, enhancing opportunities for online learning, access to government services, and participation in the digital economy.

12:00pm – 1:00pm Transit via boat on the Rupununi River to Karanambu Lodge

1:00pm – 2:00pm **Working Lunch with Lindsey Altringer, U.S. Peace Corps Volunteer based in Yupukari Village**

The delegation will have a working lunch with a Peace Corps Volunteer who recently arrived in Yupukari Village and is serving as an elementary school teacher. The delegation will discuss the history of Peace Corps in Guyana and how Volunteers support community-led development across multiple regions of the country and how they work in Education, Health and the Environment, partnering with the Government of Guyana—especially the Ministries of Education and Health—to improve literacy outcomes, youth health education and environmental awareness, often working directly in schools and community settings alongside teachers, health workers and families.

*Location: Karanambu Lodge*

2:00pm – 3:30pm Transit via hired car to Office of the Mayor of Lethem

3:30pm – 4:15pm **Courtesy Meeting with John Macedo, Mayor of Lethem**

The delegation will have a courtesy meeting with the Mayor of Lethem to inform him of the purpose of the delegation’s visit and learn about local health, development, and displacement challenges facing the residents of Lethem.

*Location: Office of the Mayor of Lethem*

4:15pm – 4:20pm Transit via hired car to Lethem Regional Hospital

4:20pm – 5:00pm **Visit to Lethem Regional Hospital, Guided by Dr. Evan Henry, MD, Regional Health Officer**

The delegation will visit Lethem Regional Hospital—a key public health facility serving Region Nine (Upper Takutu–Upper Essequibo) in Southern Guyana. The delegation will learn how the hospital provides essential medical care to a largely rural and remote population. to learn about recently expanded health service access in the region.

In recent years, the hospital has undergone significant upgrades to expand and improve services. It was recommissioned as a SMART health facility under a regional modernization initiative, and new equipment such as a mammogram machine and an oxygen generation plant have been added to enhance care quality and access. There has also been a notable increase in surgical procedures performed locally, reducing the need for costly medevacs to Georgetown and improving health outcomes across the region. Large-scale investment is continuing with the sod being turned on a new, modern Lethem Regional Hospital that will feature advanced imaging, additional operating theaters, emergency services, and specialized clinics to further elevate healthcare delivery for residents and patients from neighboring Brazil.

*Location: Lethem Regional Hospital*

- 5:00pm – 5:05pm Transit via hired car to Takutu Hotel
- 5:05pm – 6:25pm Check in to hotel / Executive Time
- 6:25pm – 6:30pm Transit via hired car to St. Ignatius Village Benab

**6:30pm – 8:30pm Working Dinner with St. Ignatius Village Council**

The delegation will have a working dinner with the St. Ignatius Village Council, a large Amerindian village in the Upper Takutu-Upper Essequibo (Region 9) of Guyana, located near the Brazilian border to learn how the UN is reaching remote hinterland communities with critical support and technical services. Originally established in 1909 as a Jesuit mission to serve Indigenous people of the Rupununi savannah, the village has grown into one of the region’s most populous Indigenous communities, home to mainly Wapishana, Macushi and Patamona peoples who speak their native languages alongside English and Portuguese.

The delegation will learn how the village governs itself through an elected Toshao and council, and its economy revolves around farming, cattle rearing, brick-making, fishing, construction, and small-scale production as well as recent development efforts to build a cassava farine factory, extend school facilities, and acquire a dump truck to boost local food security, employment and income generation.

*Location: St. Ignatius Village Benab*

8:30pm – 8:35pm Transit via hired car to Takutu Hotel

Overnight Takutu Hotel

### **Wednesday, February 18 --- Lethem/Travel/Georgetown**

*Attire: Casual.*

7:30am – 8:00am Breakfast at hotel

8:00am – 8:15am Transit via foot to Lethem Airport (LTM)

9:15am Depart LTM on Trans Guyana 9201 to OGL  
*Flight time 1h 05m*

10:20am Arrive OGL

11:00am – 12:00pm Transit via hired car to U.S. Embassy Georgetown

12:00pm – 1:00pm **Meeting with U.S. Country Team, led by Nicole Theriot, U.S. Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana**

The delegation will meet with the U.S. Country Team to discuss U.S.-Guyana relations, and how the U.S. and UN work together to address issues related to economic development, energy access, humanitarian assistance, food security, and related issues.

*Location: U.S. Embassy Georgetown*

1:00pm – 1:15pm Transit via hired car to Duke Lodge

1:15pm – 2:00pm **Working Lunch with UN Foundation**

The delegation will hold a brief working lunch to review the remaining programming and answer any questions that may have emerged during the course of the learning trip.

*Location: Duke Lodge, Duke Street, Georgetown*

2:00pm – 2:15pm Transit via hired car to the Ministry of Education's Unit for the Blind and Visually Impaired

2:15pm – 2:45pm **Visit to Climate Resilient Actions for Food Security for Persons with Disabilities, Supported by UNDP**

The delegation will visit the Ministry of Education’s Unit for the Blind and Visually Impaired to learn about UNDP’s Climate Resilient Actions for Food Security for Persons with Disabilities Project, which is led by the Guyana Council of Organisations for Persons with Disabilities (GCOPD) with funding through the 7th Operational Phase of the Global Environment Facility (GEF) Small Grants Programme and support from the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The delegation will learn how the project is strengthening both food security and climate resilience for people with disabilities by equipping them with the skills, resources, and opportunities to grow food sustainably and improve their livelihoods.

The initiative, which began in September 2023, includes construction of shade houses and hands-on training in vertical farming and climate-smart agricultural techniques, facilitated with support from the National Agricultural Research and Extension Institute (NAREI). These methods help participants optimize limited space and reduce physical strain, making farming more accessible. Participants learn everything from soil preparation and crop arrangement to pest management and record-keeping, enabling them to produce crops for personal use and potentially generate income from surplus sales. Beyond technical skills, the project fosters a supportive network among participants, promoting food sovereignty, economic empowerment, and inclusion.

2:45pm – 3:15pm

Transit via hired car to WHO/PAHO Mobile Lymphatic Filariasis Pill Distribution Site

3:15pm – 4:15pm

**Visit to Mobile Lymphatic Filariasis Pill Distribution Site, Supported by WHO/PAHO**

The delegation will visit a Mobile Lymphatic Filariasis Pill Distribution Site to learn how the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) has been a key partner with the Ministry of Health in Guyana in the national effort to eliminate lymphatic filariasis (LF), a mosquito-borne parasitic disease that’s commonly known as elephantiasis that can cause long-term disability and social stigma—through Mass Drug Administration (MDA) campaigns and support activities. The delegation will be briefed on PAHO’s involvement, which includes technical assistance, planning, training of health workers, development of operational strategies and materials, and monitoring of implementation so the triple-drug regimen of Ivermectin, Diethylcarbamazine (DEC) and Albendazole (IDA) that can be delivered effectively to at-risk communities.

These efforts are part of PAHO’s broader Elimination Initiative to end more than 30 communicable diseases in the Americas by 2030. PAHO has also helped organize national training programmes to equip health

personnel and volunteers with the skills to conduct door-to-door distribution of medications, collect accurate data, educate communities about the importance of participation, and ensure compliance with treatment protocols, all of which are crucial to stopping the transmission cycle. With its support, Guyana has made significant progress: eight of the country's ten regions have met elimination criteria, with current campaigns targeting the remaining hotspots in a push toward national elimination and eventual validation as filaria-free.

4:15pm – 5:00pm Transit to Westzyde Marine Inc.

5:00pm – 6:30pm **Expert Guided Visit Along the Demerara River, accompanied by an official from the Ministry of Public Works**

The delegation will participate in an expert guided boat visit along the Demera River to learn about the construction process and recent opening of the Bharrat Jagdeo Demerara River Bridge, as well as the role the oil and energy sector plays in advancing Guyana's economy.

The new Bharrat Jagdeo Demerara River Bridge is regarded as Guyana's most technically advanced transport project to date and was commissioned and opened to traffic on October 5, 2025, marking a key milestone in the country's development. It replaces the old floating Demerara Harbor Bridge that had served the nation for decades and was increasingly unable to meet growing traffic demands. The \$260 million bridge is not only a practical solution to long-standing congestion issues affecting daily commuters—more than 50,000 people are expected to benefit daily—but also as a symbol of modernization, national pride and economic transformation, with expectations that it will facilitate increased commerce, industrial growth, and regional connectivity.

The delegation will also be briefed on the rapidly expanding oil and gas industry in Guyana, which can be seen visibly from the eastern banks of the river, where numerous tankers, barges, and other heavy ships are docked. The delegation will learn how Guyana's oil and gas industry has rapidly transformed the country's economy since major offshore oil discoveries were made in 2015, located deep offshore in the Atlantic. The sector is led by an international consortium headed by ExxonMobil, alongside Hess and CNOOC, which has discovered more than 11 billion barrels of recoverable oil resources to date. Commercial production began in December 2019, and output has expanded quickly through multiple floating production, storage, and offloading (FPSO) vessels, making Guyana one of the world's fastest-growing oil producers.

*Location: Westzyde Marine Inc., Lot 15 Section F, La Grange, Georgetown*

6:30pm – 7:00pm Transit via hired car to P.F. Chang’s

7:00pm – 9:00pm **Working Dinner and Debrief with UN and U.S. Colleagues**

The delegation will have a working dinner with UN and U.S. colleagues to discuss lessons learned, post-learning trip follow-up, and potential opportunities for continued engagement and coordination with the U.S. Congress and UN in Guyana.

*Location: P.F. Chang's - Guyana  
57 High Street, Kingston  
Georgetown, DEMERARA-MAHAICA 592*

9:00pm – 9:15pm Transit to Jewelz

9:15pm – 10:00pm Executive Time

10:00pm – 11:00pm Transit to GEO

**Thursday, February 19 --- Georgetown/Travel/Washington, DC**

*Attire: Casual.*

1:30am Depart GEO via American Airlines 216  
*Flight time 6h 0m*

6:30am Arrive John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK)  
*Layover 2h 30m*

8:15am Depart JFK via American Airlines 4538  
*Flight time 1h 31m*

9:45am Arrive DCA

December 17, 2025

Dear Zach,

On behalf of the United Nations Foundation, I'm honored to invite you to join a learning trip to explore how the UN in the Guyana is working to improve health outcomes, combat malnutrition and undernutrition, promote sustainable agriculture, advance economic growth, support legal and justice reforms, and strengthen disaster risk reduction efforts.

**The delegation, comprised of 6-8 senior congressional staffers, will depart Washington on Saturday, Feb. 14 and return on Thursday, Feb. 19.**

Guyana faces a complex set of health and development challenges shaped by its geography, economic constraints, and social inequalities. Infectious diseases such as malaria remain a concern in interior regions, where access to medical services is quite limited. Historically, Guyana has had one of the higher incidence rates per population at risk in South America, with estimates showing its malaria incidence substantially above neighboring countries like Brazil, Colombia, or Peru. In 2024, the country reported around 27,000 confirmed malaria cases, and estimates suggest tens of thousands of infections occur annually.

Malnutrition also remains a significant public health concern in Guyana, particularly affecting children and communities in the rural interior. While undernutrition has declined over the years, pockets of stunting, micronutrient deficiencies, and food insecurity persist, especially among Indigenous populations who often have limited access to diverse, nutrient-rich foods. At the same time, the country faces rising rates of overweight and obesity, creating a double burden of malnutrition driven by shifts toward processed foods and lifestyle changes.

On the development side, Guyana struggles with balancing rapid economic change—especially from its expanding oil sector—with sustainable and equitable growth. While new revenues offer opportunities for improved infrastructure and social services, disparities

between coastal urban areas and interior Indigenous communities persist. Challenges include upgrading transportation networks, ensuring resilience in a country highly exposed to flooding, and managing education and employment gaps.

During the course of four days on the ground, the delegation will meet with the UN Country Team, U.S. Embassy, and Government of the Guyana to see firsthand how the UN is working with partners to help address these interconnected issues and ensure that economic growth and targeted health interventions translate into long-term, inclusive development.

Lastly, the trip will offer some insight into one of the major, protracted political conflicts in the region—Guyana and Venezuela’s long-running territorial dispute over the resource-rich Essequibo region, which Venezuela claims as its own despite the area being internationally recognized and administered by Guyana under an 1899 boundary decision. As you may know, tensions have escalated in recent years, with Guyana taking the case to the International Court of Justice to affirm the existing boundary and seeking orders to prevent Venezuela from holding elections or taking actions that could change the status quo in the disputed region.

**If you are interested in joining in this learning trip, please kindly let us know by Monday, January 12.**

We hope your busy schedule allows you to take this opportunity to learn more about the UN’s work in Guyana and how U.S. leadership is essential to advancing shared foreign policy priorities across South America.

All the best,

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