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: Josephine O Amusa

2. a. Name of Accompanying Relative: _____ ***OR*** ☒ None
   b. Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): n/a

3. a. Dates: Departure: 10/5/26 Return: 10/13/26
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: n/a ***OR*** ☐ None

4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Lusaka and Kafue, Zambia Return City: Washington, DC

5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: ICCF and the Eleanor Crook Foundation

6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: We met with Kafue National Park officers to discuss park operations, conservation effort and the prevalence of poaching. We met with US embassy officials to discuss the US presence in Zambia. We met with maternal and child health advocates to discuss childhood malnutrition and supplements to combat it.

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: Josephine Amusa **Date:** 10/26/26

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: Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries **Date:** 10/26/26

Signature of Supervising Member: _____

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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

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: ICCF, Eleanor Crook Foundation
2. Travel Destination(s): Lusaka, Zambia; Kafue, Zambia
3. Date of Departure: 10/5/26 Date of Return: 10/13/26
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Josephine Amusa, Jacqui Russell

   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	$10,827	$824.44	$531.55	$200 for drivers in Kafue, $180 for park fees and activities, and $96 for gratuities for camp staff
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: Susan H. Lylis **Date:** 10/26/26

Name: Susan H. Lylis **Title:** Executive Vice President

Organization: ICCF

☐ ***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:** slylis@internationalconservation.c

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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COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

TRAVELER FORM

This form should be completed by House Members, officers, or employees seeking Committee approval of privately-sponsored travel or reimbursement for travel under House Rule 25, clause 5. The completed form should be submitted directly to the Committee by each invited House Member, officer, or employee, together with the completed and signed trip sponsor form(s) and any attachments. A copy of this form, minus this initial page, will be made available for public inspection.

This form and any attachments may be submitted at 1015 Longworth House Office Building or travel.requests@mail.house.gov.

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

Name of Traveler: Josephine Amusa

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

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

Signature: Josephine Amusa

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): n/a

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Democratic Leader Hakeem Jeffries

Office Address: H204, US Capitol

Telephone Number: 202-225-4700

Email Address of Contact Person: josephine.amusa@mail.house.gov

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

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

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

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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Josephine Amusa

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip: International Conservation Caucus Foundation

3. City and State **OR** Foreign Country of Travel: Zambia and South Africa

4. a. Date of Departure: 10/5/26 Date of Return: 10/13/26

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

   If yes, list dates at personal expense: n/a

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: n/a

   (2) Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child ☐ Other (specify): n/a

   (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:

   n/a

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 a policy advisor on energy and natural resources issues, the trip will help me learn about Zambia's critical minerals and mining processes, protected area management, public-private management of national parks, and the importance of US support for international conservation.

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:** 9/4/2026

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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:
   International Conservation Caucus 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): See Addendum
5. Yes ☐ No ☒ Is travel being offered to an accompanying family member of the House invitee(s)?
6. Date of Departure: 10/5/26 Date of Return: 10/13/2026
7. a. City of departure: 10/13/26
   b. Destination(s): Lusaka, Zambia; Kafue National Park, Zambia; Johannesburg, South Africa
   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. _____

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:
   See addendum

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): $107 per person
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: Please see addendum

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel Name: Holiday Inn Lusaka by IHG City: Lusaka Cost Per Night: $175
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to US Embassy and airport; affordability
   Hotel Name: Ila Lodge City: Kafue National Park Cost Per Night: $295
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to Park Headquarters, affordability, and community programs
   Hotel Name: City Lodge OR Tambo City: Johannesburg Cost Per Night: $233
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Proximity to Johannesburg airport for layover

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	$12,500	$1,832	$800
For each Accompanying Family Member	X	X	X

	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	$225	Park fees, activities/drivers in Kafue, tips for hotel staff
For each Accompanying Family Member	X	X

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: 10/26/26

Name: Susan H. Lylis Title: Executive Vice President

Organization: ICCF

Address: 1200 Potomac St. NW, Washington, DC 20007

Email: slylis@internationalconservation.org Telephone: 202-471-4222

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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September 30, 2026

Ms. Josephine Amusa
Office of the Minority Leader
H-204, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Ms. Amusa:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to Zambia and South Africa,[1] scheduled for October 5 to 13, 2026, sponsored by International Conservation Caucus Foundation and the 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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[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



Mark DeSaulnier
Ranking Member

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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.**

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1. Name of Primary Trip Sponsor for this trip: ICCF

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: Lusaka and Kafue, Zambia 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: 10/26/26

Name: Susan H. Lylis Title: Executive Vice Preside

Organization: ICCF

Address: 1200 Potomac St. NW, Washington, DC 20007

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Congressional Staff Delegation to Zambia

October 5th-13th, 2026

Monday, October 5th - Travel Day

16:30 - 18:06	Flight UA 4504 Washington, DCA, to Newark, EWR. 3:19 hour layover.
21:25-18:30 (+1)	Flight UA188 departs Newark EWR for Johannesburg JNB.

Tuesday, October 6th- Travel Day

18:30 - 19:30	Land in Johannesburg, retrieve bags, and walk to City Lodge OR Tambo Hotel for check-in
19:30 - 20:00	Check in to City Lodge OR Tambo
20:00 - 21:00	Intro dinner briefing with Dan Mahoney, Deputy Director, US Program, at City Lodge OR Tambo Hotel Restaurant *Dan 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 Zambia, providing participants with baseline information they will need throughout the trip. He will discuss mechanisms the US can use to support protected area management such as the US Foundation for Natural Security and Counterterrorism.*
Accommodations:	City Lodge OR Tambo, Johannesburg Airport

Wednesday, October 7th (6 hours of educational material)

07:40 - 09:40	SA 4Z 166 departs Johannesburg for Lusaka
09:40 - 10:40	Retrieve bags and depart via car for US Embassy in Lusaka

10:40 - 11:10	Ground transport to US Embassy in Lusaka
11:15 - 12:45	Embassy visit in Lusaka, meet with Chargé d'Affaires, Mich Coker.
	Staff will receive a country brief over lunch from Chargé d'Affaires, Mich Coker, outlining the political situation in Zambia and the US relationship with its government. The Chargé will also provide an overview of the recent Zambian elections and explain their outcome(s).
12:45 - 13:15	Ground transport to Lobito Corridor Briefing
13:30 - 14:30	Lobito Corridor/Critical Mineral Briefing (Speaker TBC)
	The Lobito Corridor is a U.S. and EU-backed rail and logistics initiative linking Angola's Atlantic port of Lobito to the copper and cobalt regions of the DRC and Zambia, positioned as the West's answer to Chinese dominance of African mineral logistics. The Angola and port segments are progressing, but Zambia's leg, roughly 350 miles of new rail connecting the Copperbelt to the DRC line, remains the least developed piece, with financial close not expected until late 2027. We will ask where that segment now stands, how it compares with existing routes like TAZARA, and what role conservation and land-use considerations are playing in its routing.
14:30 - 15:00	Ground transport to meeting with Environment Ministry
15:00 - 16:00	Meet with Zambian Ministry of Environment (Speaker TBC)
	Discuss the intersection of conservation with critical minerals and infrastructure competition along the Copperbelt and the Lobito Corridor, as well as the relationship between the United States and Zambia.
16:00 - 17:00	Check in to Holiday Inn Lusaka by IHG
17:00 - 18:00	Break and freshen up for dinner at the InterContinental Hotel Haile Selassie Avenue, P.O. Box 32201, Lusaka 10101, Zambia
18:00 - 20:30	Stakeholder dinner at InterContinental Hotel Lusaka
	Stakeholder dinner with local and regional conservation partners. We also hope to be joined by members of the Zambian Parliamentary Conservation Caucus, but this will be in a state of flux after their recent elections. The Zambian Parliamentary Conservation Caucus is a

multiparty forum for members of the Assembly to explore solutions to conservation and natural resource management challenges. These legislators play a critical role in the development and implementation of policies related to biodiversity conservation, natural resource management, and community development.

Accommodations: Holiday Inn Lusaka by IHG

Thursday, October 8th (Malnutrition/MMS day)

06:30 - 07:15 Breakfast at Holiday Inn Lusaka by IHG

07:15 - 07:45 Depart hotel for malnutrition programming at Lusaka University Teaching Hospital via car

08:00 - 10:00 Acute malnutrition site visit to Lusaka University Teaching Hospital with Dr. Edford Sinkala

Zambia has made real gains against chronic malnutrition, with stunting among children under five falling from 28.9% to 23.8% between 2019 and 2025 under the national Scaling Up Nutrition program. But acute indicators are moving the wrong way: wasting rose from 3.6% to 4.4% over the same period, and the share of households reporting severe hunger climbed from 45.8% to 76.0%, driven by poverty, food insecurity, and climate shocks. The delegation's visit to Lusaka University Teaching Hospital will offer a firsthand look at inpatient management of severe acute malnutrition, including how comorbidities such as diarrheal disease and HIV complicate treatment and drive mortality risk in Zambian pediatric wards.

10:00 - 11:00 Early Lunch briefing with Dr. Ty Loft, Deputy Director, Africa and Global Partnerships

Ty will brief the delegation on ICCF's Africa-wide portfolio of parliamentary conservation caucuses and public private partnership work, including ICCF's role convening African governments, NGOs, and funders through initiatives like the Africa Keystone Protected Area Partnership.

11:00 - 11:45 Ground transport to Multiple Micronutrient Supplementation (MMS) visit with World Vision, Vitamin Angels, and the Ministry of Health

12:00 - 14:00	Multiple Micronutrient Supplementation (MMS) visit with World Vision, Vitamin Angels, and the Ministry of Health *In Lusaka Province, World Vision and Vitamin Angels are partnering with Zambia's Ministry of Health to expand access to multiple micronutrient supplements (MMS) for pregnant women. The program provides prenatal supplements containing 15 essential vitamins and minerals, while training health workers and community volunteers to counsel women, improve adherence, and strengthen antenatal care. The broader goal is to improve maternal nutrition and reduce poor birth outcomes such as anemia, low birth weight, and preterm birth, while generating evidence to support Zambia's transition from iron-folic acid to MMS nationally.*
14:00 - 14:30	Ground transport to flight from Lusaka to Kafue
15:30 - 16:30	Fly from Lusaka LUN to Kafue (Charter details to be specified)
19:30 - 20:30	Dinner briefing with Craig Reid, Director of Kafue National Park staff on transnational conservation and public-private partnerships *Craig Reid has managed Kafue National Park for African Parks since the organization's 2021 engagement with the Government of Zambia, formalized as a long-term co-management partnership with the Department of National Parks and Wildlife in 2022. At 22,400 square kilometers, Kafue is Zambia's oldest and largest national park and one of the most biodiverse landscapes in Africa, home to up to 22 antelope species (the highest diversity on the continent), more than 500 bird species, and roughly 2,400 hippos in the Kafue River. Craig will brief the delegation on the co-management model, the newly launched Kafue National Park General Management Plan 2025-2035, and the park's plans to reintroduce black rhino, extinct in Kafue since the 1980s*
Accommodations:	Camp at Ila Lodge in Kafue NP

Friday, October 9th

08:30 - 09:30	Breakfast at Ila Lodge
09:30 - 10:30	Field briefing en route from Ila Lodge to Park Headquarters. *Park staff will set the context for staff so that everything that follows is well understood.*

10:30 - 12:30 Introductory presentation on Kafue National Park's challenges, opportunities, and successes.

Staff will tour the Kafue law enforcement center, meet with rangers in the Aerial Support Unit, and learn about the K9 ranger team. The briefing will focus on the park's anti-poaching strategy and the connection between conservation, security, and economic development.

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch briefing with The Nature Conservancy to learn about their broader ecosystem activities and plans.

In Zambia, The Nature Conservancy works with the government and local communities to strengthen management of Game Management Areas around Kafue and has supported controlled-burn/fire training programs to protect the park from destructive late-season wildfires. TNC has also backed broader Kafue conservation efforts as a funding and technical partner, helping pave the way for African Parks' 20-year co-management agreement with Zambia's Department of National Parks and Wildlife.

14:00 - 16:00 Riparian systems tour with Park Staff to learn about the necessity of the Kafue River to local wildlife and agricultural economies.

Staff will learn about the threats posed by pollutants, over-allocation of water for crops, and sustainable fisheries in the Kafue ecosystem. This session will take place en route from Park HQ back to Ila Lodge.

Accommodations: Camp at Ila Lodge in Kafue NP

Saturday, October 10th - Kafue National Park

08:30 - 09:30 Breakfast at Ila Lodge

09:30 - 11:30 Zambian Carnivore Programme field briefing near Park Headquarters.

Staff will learn about predator-prey dynamics and species research and monitoring. Park employees will explain how herbivore population recovery and grazing pressure are being managed as African Parks rebuilds prey populations in Kafue.

11:30 - 12:15 Travel back to Ila Lodge for lunch

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch briefing at Chunga School HQ

Staff will have lunch with a member of the the Chunga Community School team to be briefed on the educational programming at the facility there.

13:00 - 15:30 Chunga Primary School Tour

Chunga is a primary school located near the Chunga area of Kafue National Park, and it is one of the local schools benefiting from community-development programs tied to the park's management. African Parks runs its "Happy Readers" literacy program at the Chunga school and has supplied it with solar-powered educational tablets (Mwabu and ZeduPad devices) to support teaching. This is part of a broader effort that supports over 500 schoolchildren annually around Kafue, including bursary and vocational-training scholarships. The Zambian Carnivore Programme also partners with the Chunga school on education programs that expose students to wildlife research and field-based conservation as a supplement to their science curriculum.

15:30 - 16:30 Travel back to Ila Lodge

16:30 - 18:00 Executive time

18:00 - 19:30 Dinner with park staff to discuss Kafue's new 10 Year Management Plan

Congressional staff will participate in an educational discussion with Kafue National Park management about the park's new 10-year management plan and its vision for long-term conservation and sustainable tourism. The discussion will explore how Kafue is balancing wildlife protection, community engagement, tourism development, and sustainable financing to support the park's conservation goals over the next decade.

Accommodations: Camp at Ila Lodge in Kafue NP

Sunday, October 11th - Kafue National Park

08:00 - 09:00 Breakfast at Ila Lodge

09:00 - 12:30 Plan with The Nature Conservancy and African Parks Community team to visit a Savings Group and a school.

The objective will be to understand the community context and how neighboring people benefit. This will include a longer drive of 120km round trip to reach communal areas, before returning to Ila.

12:30 - 13:30 Tour the Ila Community Farm to showcase Kafue's human development partnerships

The Ila Community Farm sits alongside Ila Lodge and reflects the kind of farm-to-table and alternative-livelihood programming that By Life Connected, a grassroots nonprofit active in the Greater Kafue Ecosystem, has developed with local farmers to reduce dependence on poaching and charcoal production and to connect local produce to the park's tourism Economy.

13:30 - 14:30 Late lunch at Ila Lodge with park staff

14:30 - 16:30 Executive time

16:30 - 19:00 Field briefing on grassland ecology and the role of fire on the ' landscape with Dr. Ty Loft.

Dr. Loft will explain to staff how important fire is to the Kafue ecosystem, and how this relates to tree planting and community livelihoods, as well as to local and regional biodiversity.

19:00 - 20:30 Wrap up session and dinner with Park Management, led by Craig Reid

Staff will close out the trip by having dinner with Park leadership, who will answer any lingering questions about park operations, the African Parks comanagement model, and its replicability across the continent. ICCF staff will lead a group discussion about key takeaways from the trip overall and what kinds of helpful action can be taken in Washington.

Accommodations: Camp at Ila Lodge in Kafue NP

Monday, October 12th - Travel Day

09:00 - 10:30 Breakfast and pack up

11:00 - 12:30 Fly from Kafue to Lusaka LUN (Charter details to be confirmed)

14:15 - 16:20 Airlink Flight 4Z 163 departs Lusaka LUN for Johannesburg JNB

22:00 - 07:45 (+1) UA187 departs Johannesburg JNB for Newark EWR

Tuesday, October 13th - Travel Day

09:15 - 10:44 UA4516 departs Newark EWR for Washington DCA

Purpose

The International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF) respectfully invites congressional staff to participate in an educational field mission to Zambia focused on the strategic role of conservation in advancing U.S. foreign policy, economic, and national security interests in Africa. The mission will also examine the intersection of conservation with critical minerals and infrastructure competition along the Copperbelt and the Lobito Corridor, and will focus on the persistent challenge of childhood malnutrition in Zambia.

Zambia sits at the center of one of the world's most strategically significant mineral belts. It is one of Africa's leading copper producers, and northern Zambia's Copperbelt is the southern terminus of both the U.S.- and EU-backed Lobito Corridor railway and the older, China-linked TAZARA line, two competing routes for moving copper and cobalt to global markets. How Zambia manages its natural resources, from mining governance to protected-area management, will shape both regional stability and the durability of U.S. economic engagement in the region.

The February 2025 collapse of a tailings dam at the Sino-Metals Leach copper mine near Chambishi, which released an estimated 50 million liters of acidic waste into a tributary of the Kafue River, underscored the stakes. The Kafue River basin is home to roughly 12 million Zambians, about 60% of the country's population, and supplies drinking water to millions, including much of Lusaka. The spill killed fish and livestock, burned crops, and cut off water access for hundreds of thousands of people, and Zambian authorities are still assessing the full scope of the damage. The disaster illustrates why mining governance, water security, and downstream conservation of the Kafue ecosystem are inseparable issues for the delegation to examine.

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Objectives of the Mission

- Examine links between conservation, mining governance, and national and economic security along the Copperbelt and the Lobito Corridor
- Assess U.S. and partner approaches to addressing malnutrition and health-systems vulnerability in Zambia
- Explore the public-private partnership model between the Government of Zambia and African Parks at Kafue National Park as a template for durable conservation financing
- Strengthen relationships with the Zambian Parliamentary Conservation Caucus and identify opportunities for continued U.S.-Zambia cooperation



Established in 1950, Kafue is Zambia's oldest and largest national park, spanning approximately 22,400 square kilometers, an area roughly the size of Massachusetts and Connecticut combined. It is co-managed by Zambia's Department of National Parks and Wildlife and African Parks under a long-term partnership that began in 2021 and was formalized in 2022, structured through the joint entity Greater Kafue Landscape Limited (GKLL).

The park's ecology supports more than 150 mammal species and 500 bird species, including up to 22 antelope species (the greatest diversity found in any single African park) and roughly 2,400 hippos in the Kafue River, from which the park takes its name. In 2025, the Ministry of Tourism and African Parks launched the Kafue National Park General Management Plan 2025-2035, a ten-year strategy backed by a $24.1 million Strategic Investment Management Action Plan for its first two years, targeting habitat degradation, human-wildlife conflict, and illegal wildlife trade. Park authorities are also planning to reintroduce black rhino, extinct in Kafue since the 1980s, as part of the park's restoration trajectory.

Surrounding the core park are nine game management areas (GMAs) covering an additional roughly 66,000 square kilometers, home to communities whose livelihoods intersect directly with the park's fortunes. Community-facing organizations such as By Life Connected and Green Safaris Conservation Foundation work alongside African Parks to build alternative livelihoods, ranging from farm-to-table produce supply chains to waste-upcycling initiatives, designed to reduce the economic pressures that drive poaching and unplanned settlement inside the GMAs.

Lusaka

Lusaka is Zambia's capital and largest city, and the delegation's first stop for embassy and government engagement. Briefings there will assess how conservation, nutrition, and natural resource governance align with U.S. diplomatic priorities, and will include a site visit focused on acute childhood malnutrition. Our time in the capital will also include opportunities to meet local and regional conservation stakeholders.

Critical Minerals and the Lobito Corridor

Zambia is among the world's top copper producers, and its Copperbelt Province, together with the neighboring Democratic Republic of the Congo, forms one of the most concentrated sources of copper and cobalt on earth, both essential to the global energy transition and to defense and technology supply chains. Zambia alone aims to triple copper production to 3 million tonnes annually by 2031, creating significant opportunities for investment, infrastructure development, and value-added processing.

The Lobito Corridor, a roughly 1,300-kilometer rail line linking the Copperbelt to the Angolan Atlantic port of Lobito, has become a centerpiece of U.S. and G7 efforts, through the Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment, to give Zambian and Congolese minerals a Western-aligned route to market and to offer an alternative to China's Belt and Road-linked TAZARA railway. The U.S. International Development Finance Corporation has committed hundreds of millions of dollars toward rehabilitating the line, with Zambia's own rail segment targeted to begin construction in the second half of 2026.

The Sino-Metals Leach Tailings Dam Disaster

On February 18, 2025, a tailings dam at the Sino-Metals Leach copper mine near Chambishi, in the Copperbelt, collapsed, releasing an estimated 50 million liters of acidic mining waste into the Mwambashi River, a tributary of the Kafue. Sino-Metals is a subsidiary of the Chinese state-owned China Nonferrous Metals Mining Group. The spill killed fish and livestock, burned maize and groundnut crops, and was detected more than 100 kilometers downstream, cutting

off water supply to residents of Kitwe and raising health concerns that residents and researchers are still documenting. It was one of at least four pollution incidents involving copper mining companies operating on the Kafue watershed reported since the start of 2025.

The Zambian government has pressed for an independent damage assessment, and the episode has reinforced the importance of ensuring that critical mineral extraction is aligned with environmental security (and carried out by US and western firms with strong track records around environmental safeguards and human rights).

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Confirmed:

- Brooke Bennett, Rep. French Hill's Chief of Staff
    - Brooke's boss is a member of the International Conservation Caucus and the Congressional Sportsman's Caucus, and has demonstrated an interest in conservation and foreign policy issues serving on the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
- Chris Avila, Sen. Chris Coons' Policy Advisor
    - Sen. Coons is a co-chair of the International Conservation Caucus. He also serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Committee, where he is the Ranking Democrat on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. Chris Avila covers the natural resource portfolio for the Senator.
- Dylan Russell, Sen. John Boozman's Legislative Assistant
    - Sen. Boozman is a co-chair of the International Conservation Caucus and Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus. He also serves as Chairman of the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee, where he has made conservation a priority. He is also on the Senate Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations.
- Jodi Herman, Sen. Jeanne Shaheen's Senate Foreign Relations Committee Senior PSM
    - Sen. Shaheen is the Ranking Member on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, with jurisdiction
- Josephine Amusa, Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries' Policy Advisor
    - Leader Jeffries is the top-ranking Democrat in the House and has a track record of engagement on U.S.-Africa policy. His office's buy-in matters for any bipartisan conservation or foreign assistance priorities to move on the House floor.
- Laura Fullerton, Deputy Staff Director, HFAC Majority
    - As Deputy Staff Director, Laura oversees committee operations across the full range of HFAC's jurisdiction, including the Africa Subcommittee's work on U.S. policy toward Zambia and the broader region. She previously served as Deputy Staff Director for the House Homeland Security Committee and as an advisor to the DHS Chief of Staff, bringing a national security and interagency operations background relevant to the delegation's coverage of the conservation-security nexus.
- Quill Robinson, Senior Professional Staff, HFAC Majority
    - Quill's portfolio centers on energy security, geopolitics, and conservation, and he worked on the committee's bipartisan DOMINANCE Act, which mobilizes U.S. tools to counter China's control over critical mineral supply chains, directly on point with the delegation's focus on the Lobito Corridor and critical minerals competition in Zambia.
- Sam Garrison, Senior Advisor, Rep. John Carter
    - Rep. Carter chairs the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military

Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies and also sits on the Defense Subcommittee, giving him direct jurisdiction over the kind of security-cooperation and basing considerations that intersect with the conservation-security nexus the delegation will examine in Zambia. Rep. Carter is also a member of the ICC.

Invited but declined:

Luke Harris, Sen. Bill Hagerty, LA

- Sen. Hagerty serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, and brings firsthand diplomatic experience as former U.S. Ambassador to Japan.

Paul Grove, SFOPS Majority, Clerk

- Serves the House Appropriations Subcommittee on National Security, Department of State, and Related Programs (Chairman Mario Diaz-Balart), which funds the U.S. foreign assistance programs the delegation will see on the ground.

Sean Ross, Sen. Katie Britt, Chief of Staff

- Sen. Britt serves on the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, which funds the foreign assistance programs central to the delegation's agenda.

Alex Carnes, SFOPS Minority, Staff Director

- Serves under Ranking Member Lois Frankel on the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, which funds U.S. foreign assistance and development programs in Zambia.

Andrew Pantino, Sen. Pete Ricketts, NSA

- Sen. Ricketts serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, which oversees the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, directly relevant to Kafue National Park's co-management partnership.

Katie Chaudoin, SFRC Majority, Dep. Chief Counsel

- Serves under SFRC Chairman Jim Risch, whose committee holds jurisdiction over U.S. foreign assistance and diplomatic engagement in Africa through its dedicated Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health.

Jon Abdnor, Sen. John Thune, Deputy NSA

- As Senate Majority Leader, Thune controls the Senate floor schedule and works directly with committee chairs to prioritize national security and foreign policy legislation relevant to strategic competition with China in Africa.

Rosie Heiss, Sen. John Boozman, Deputy Chief of Staff

- Sen. Boozman is a bipartisan co-chair of the International Conservation Caucus and the Congressional Sportsmen's Caucus, and chairs the Senate Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry Committee; he also serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee and its Subcommittee on State and Foreign Operations.

Scott Graber, Sen. Lindsey Graham, Deputy Chief of Staff

- Late Sen. Lindsey Graham was an extremely active member of the International Conservation Caucus. Sen. Darline Graham serves on the Appropriations and Environment and Public Works Committees

Amber Bland, Sen. John Barrasso, Legislative Director

- Sen. Barrasso is Senate Majority Whip and serves on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, including its Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health, as well as the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee, where he chairs the Subcommittee on Public Lands, Forests, and Mining.

William Hewitt, Sen. Ashley Moody, NSA

- Sen. Moody serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, which authorizes defense programs and has direct interest in critical minerals supply chains and countering Chinese influence in strategic regions like Zambia.

Robyn Engibous, Sen. Dan Sullivan, Deputy COS

- Sen. Sullivan serves on the Senate Armed Services Committee, chairing its Subcommittee on Readiness, and brings direct foreign policy experience, having served as a staff officer to U.S. Central Command with responsibility spanning the Horn of Africa.

Liz Lewis, SFRC Majority, Senior Policy Analyst

- Serves under SFRC Chairman Jim Risch, whose committee holds jurisdiction over U.S. foreign assistance and diplomatic engagement in Africa through its dedicated Subcommittee on Africa and Global Health.

AJ Sugarman, Deputy Policy Director, Speaker Mike Johnson

- Speaker Johnson controls the House floor calendar and sets the chamber's overall legislative priorities, including national security and foreign affairs legislation touching on strategic competition with China in Africa and critical minerals supply chains, both central to the Zambia delegation's focus on the Lobito Corridor.

Meghan Gallagher Lake, Policy Advisor, Majority Leader Steve Scalise

- As Majority Leader, Scalise schedules legislation on the House floor and guides committee chairs on which bills to prioritize, including measures on critical minerals competition with China and international conservation and development funding. Meghan covers foreign assistance for the Majority leader, who is also a member of the

Congressional Sportsmen’s Caucus

Max West, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Dave Joyce

- Rep. Joyce is a bipartisan co-chair of the International Conservation Caucus and a senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, where he serves on the Defense Subcommittee.

Sajit Gandhi, Staff Director, House Foreign Affairs Committee (Minority)

- Ranking Member Gregory Meeks has been an active voice on U.S. engagement with African heads of state, and the Committee's Africa Subcommittee holds direct jurisdiction over U.S. policy toward Zambia and the broader region.

Colby Hebert, Legislative Assistant, Speaker Mike Johnson

- The Speaker's office sets the House's legislative agenda and floor schedule for national security and foreign affairs priorities relevant to the delegation's themes. Colby covers the environment portfolio for the Speaker.

Jack Reineke, Legislative Assistant, Rep. Andy Barr

- Rep. Barr serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Indo-Pacific Subcommittee and the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, directly relevant to countering Chinese influence over critical minerals markets like Zambia's.

Cameron Foster, Chief of Staff, Rep. Kevin Hern

- Rep. Hern serves on the House Ways and Means Committee, which holds jurisdiction over tariffs and trade policy relevant to critical minerals supply chains, and until March 2026 chaired the House Republican Policy Committee, shaping House GOP legislative priorities.

Quill Robinson, HFAC Majority Professional Staff

- HFAC Chairman Brian Mast's committee holds jurisdiction over U.S. foreign assistance and diplomacy across Africa through its dedicated Africa Subcommittee, directly relevant to U.S. policy toward Zambia.

Will Stiers, Rep. Mike Rogers, Legislative Director

- Rep. Rogers chairs the House Armed Services Committee, which authorizes defense programs and has taken direct interest in supply chain security and access to critical minerals, central to the delegation's focus on the Lobito Corridor.

Laura Carey, HFAC Minority, Dep. Staff Director

- Serves under Ranking Member Gregory Meeks, who has engaged directly with African heads of state, and on a committee whose Africa Subcommittee holds direct jurisdiction over U.S. policy toward Zambia.

Larry Seyfried, Rep. Andy Barr, Deputy COS/LD

- Rep. Barr serves on the Foreign Affairs Committee's Indo-Pacific Subcommittee and the Select Committee on Strategic Competition with the CCP, relevant to countering Chinese influence over critical minerals markets like Zambia's.

Alexandra Davis, Rep. August Pfluger, Legislative Director

- Rep. Pfluger chairs the Republican Study Committee, the largest conservative caucus in the House, and serves on House Energy and Commerce, with a strong focus on energy security and supply chains relevant to critical minerals. He is also in the ICC.

Jenn Miller, Rep. Lois Frankel, Legislative Director

- Rep. Frankel is Ranking Member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, which funds the foreign assistance programs central to the delegation's agenda. She is also in the ICC.

Emma Bruce, Rep. Ami Bera, Staff Director

- Rep. Bera is Ranking Member of the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific and a longtime Foreign Affairs Committee member, bringing expertise on countering Chinese influence relevant to the delegation's focus on the Lobito Corridor.

Kelsey Greenwald, Rep. Tim Burchett, Chief of Staff

- Rep. Burchett serves on the House Foreign Affairs Committee (Middle East/North Africa and South/Central Asia Subcommittees) and on House Oversight and Government Reform, giving him standing on U.S. foreign assistance oversight.

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August 31, 2026

Ms. Josephine Amusa
Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries (D-NY)
By Electronic Delivery

Dear Josephine,

We are pleased to invite you to join a Congressional Staff Delegation to visit Zambia from October 5-13, 2026, inclusive of travel days.

The primary purpose of this mission is to familiarize and educate the delegation about the critical role that public-private partnerships play in conservation and sound natural resource management for poverty alleviation, food security, sustainable development, and security in Zambia and the surrounding region, as well as their impact on the U.S.

While in Zambia, participants will see the creative ways Kafue National Park has helped lead the wildlife restoration process in Zambia through a four-pillar approach: tourism, conservation, science, and community. The delegation will also learn about the important community development initiatives that are essential aspects of good natural resource management policy. Some communities in Zambia have a high childhood malnutrition rate, particularly in the 5 and under age group. The delegation will see Lusaka University Teaching Hospital's work to help meet the acute needs of children who are experiencing wasting, while at the same time working to improve education and access to more nutritious food. Also in Lusaka, participants will see a public health initiative to support maternal health.

We have shared a more detailed agenda, as well as required private sponsor travel forms. Trip expenses, including transportation, lodging, meals, and associated fees will be covered by ICCF.

ICCF is a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization, which acts as an informal secretariat to the leadership of the bipartisan International Conservation Caucus and Oceans Caucus, with the mission to advance U.S. leadership in international conservation and develop the next generation of congressional conservation leaders.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about this remarkable part of the world and the efforts that are underway to ensure its conservation for the benefit of local communities and the world at large for this and future generations. We look forward to having you join us.

Sincerely,

Susan H. Lyle

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Executive Vice President, ICCF