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: Brandon Ramsay

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

3. a. Dates: Departure: October 3, 2026 Return: October 16, 2026
   b. Dates at Personal Expense, if any: October 10-16 ***OR*** ☐ None

4. Departure City: Washington, DC Destination: Johannesburg, South Africa Return City: Washington, DC

5. Sponsor(s), Who Paid for the Trip: Global South Policy Hub, a project of the Center for Economic and Policy Research

6. Describe Meetings and Events Attended: The delegation had policy dialogues and site visits, and meet with policy experts from Brazil, Kenya, as well as officials from regional organizations and the South African government.

7. Attached to this form are ***each*** of the following, *signify that each item is attached by checking the corresponding box*:
   a. ☒ a completed *Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form*;
   b. ☒ the *Primary Trip Sponsor Form* completed by the trip sponsor ***prior*** to the trip, ***including all*** attachments ***and*** the *Additional Sponsor Form(s)*;
   c. ☒ page 2 of the completed *Traveler Form* submitted by the employee; ***and***
   d. ☒ the letter from the Committee on Ethics approving my participation on this trip.

8. a. ☒ I represent that I participated in each of the activities reflected in the attached sponsor's agenda. *Signify statement is true by checking the box.*
   b. If not, explain: _____

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

Signature of Traveler: _____ **Date:** 10/30/2026

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: Gregory W. Meeks **Date:** 10/30/2026

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: Global South Policy Hub, a project of the Center for Economic and Policy Research
2. Travel Destination(s): Johannesburg, South Africa
3. Date of Departure: Saturday, October 3, 2026 Date of Return: Friday, October 16, 2026
4. Name(s) of Traveler(s): Brandon Ramsay, Diego Sanchez

   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	$1,987.04	$460	$192.06	Venue rentals: $98.04 Airport shuttles to/from hotel: $18.30 Roundtable refreshments: $48.76 Educational visits per itinerary: $23.90
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: [signature] **Date:** 10/30/2026

Name: Aude Darnal **Title:** Executive Director

Organization: Global South Policy Hub, a project of the Center for Economic and Policy Research

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

Address: 1611 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20009, United States

Telephone: **Email:** adarnal@gsphub.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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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: Brandon Ramsay

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

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

Signature: 

Name of Signatory (if other than traveler): _____

For Staff (name of employing Member or Committee): Foreign Affairs Committee

Office Address: 2471 Rayburn

Telephone Number: 202-848-4725

Email Address of Contact Person: brandon.ramsay@mail.house.gov

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

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

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

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

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TRAVELER FORM

1. Name of Traveler: Brandon Ramsay

2. Sponsor(s) who will be paying or providing in-kind support for the trip:
Global South Policy Hub, a project of the Center for Economic and Policy Research

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

4. a. Date of Departure: Saturday, October 3, 2026 Date of Return: Friday, October 16, 2026

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

If yes, list dates at personal expense: ~~October 10-15, 2026~~ October 10-14, 2026

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.**

I am a Senior Policy Analyst on the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Democratic staff, and I advise the Ranking Member on oversight and multilateral diplomatic issues of interest to Foreign Affairs Democrats. This trip relates to my duties because it highlights oversight issues on U.S.-South Africa relations and the future of multilateralism.

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: Gregory W. Meeks **Date:** 9/1/2026

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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:

   Global South Policy Hub, a project of the Center for Economic and Policy Research, a 501(c)3 organization.

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: _____

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 attached page.

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

6. Date of Departure: Saturday, October 3, 2026 Date of Return: Saturday, October 10 2026

7. a. City of departure: Friday, October 16, 2026
   b. Destination(s): Johannesburg, South Africa
   c. City of return: Washington, D.C.

8. ***Check only one.*** I represent that
   a. ☐ The sponsor of the trip is an institution of higher education within the meaning of section 101 of the Higher Education Act of 1965; **OR**
   b. ☒ The sponsor of the trip does not retain or employ a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent; **OR**
   c. ☐ The sponsor employs or retains a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent, but the trip is for attendance at a one-day event *and* lobbyist / foreign agent involvement in planning, organizing, requesting, or arranging the trip was *de minimis* under the Committee's travel regulations.

9. ***Check only one of the following.***
   a. ☒ I checked 8(a) or (b) above; **OR**
   b. ☐ I checked 8(c) above but am not offering any lodging; **OR**
   c. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for one night; **OR**
   d. ☐ I checked 8(c) above and am offering lodging and meals for two nights. If you checked this box, explain why the second night of lodging is warranted. _____

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

11. ***Check only one of the following.***
   a. ☒ I represent that a registered federal lobbyist or foreign agent will not accompany House Members or employees on any segment of the trip. *Signify the statement is true by clicking the box;* **OR**
   b. ☐ *Not Applicable.* Trip sponsor is a U.S. institution of higher education.

12. For ***each*** sponsor required to submit a sponsor form, describe the sponsor's interest in the subject matter of the trip ***and*** its role in organizing and/or conducting the trip:
   The Global South Policy Hub (GSPH), a project of the Center for Economic and Policy Research, a 501(c)3 organization, is a nonprofit think tank that promotes informed U.S. engagement with the Global South, including South Africa. GSPH's role is to organize the delegation and its program to facilitate policy discussions with South African government officials, experts, and civil society on U.S.-South Africa relations, the future of multilateralism, and shared policy priorities. GSPH organizes the delegation, all programming, and coordinates all travel to South Africa and lodging, as well as logistics on the ground.

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

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

15. ***Check only one.*** I represent that either:
   a. ☐ The trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation and that meals provided to congressional participants are similar to those provided to or purchased by other event attendees; **OR**
   b. ☒ The trip involves events that are arranged specifically *with regard* to congressional participation. If "b" is checked:
      1) Detail the cost *per day* of meals (approximate cost may be provided): Approximately $53/day per person for all meals (lunch, dinner, and snacks). Breakfast is included with the hotel accommodation.
      2) Provide the reason for selecting the location of the event or trip: This delegation travels to South Africa to engage with South African leaders on U.S.-South Africa relations and shared economic and strategic priorities.

16. Name, nightly cost, and reasons for selecting each hotel or other lodging facility:
   Hotel Name: Hyatt House Johannesburg Rosebank City: Johannesburg Cost Per Night: $92/person
   Reason(s) for Selecting: Selected for its location, availability, and cost-effectiveness in supporting the delegation's itinerary.
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____
   Hotel Name: _____ City: _____ Cost Per Night: _____
   Reason(s) for Selecting: _____

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

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

☐ Actual Amounts ☒ Good Faith Estimates	Total **Transportation** Expenses per Participant	Total **Lodging** Expenses per Participant	Total **Meal** Expenses per Participant
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$2,113	$460	$243
For each Accompanying Family Member			

	Other Expenses (dollar amount per item)	Identify Specific Nature of "Other" Expenses (e.g., taxi, parking, registration fee, etc.)
For each Member, Officer, or Employee	$120; $20; $45; $22	Venue rentals; Airport shuttles to/from the hotel in Johannesburg; roundtable refreshments; educational visits (see itinerary)
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: 10/30/2026

Name: Aude Darnal Title: Executive Director

Organization: Global South Policy Hub, a project of the Center for Economic and Policy Research

Address: 1611 Connecticut Avenue NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20009, United States

Email: adarnal@gsphub.org Telephone: 8/24/26

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

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

Dear Mr. Ramsay:

Pursuant to House Rule 25, clause 5(d)(2), the Committee on Ethics hereby approves your proposed trip to South Africa,[1] scheduled for October 3 to 16, 2026, sponsored by Center for Economic and Policy Research. We note that this trip includes five days at your personal expense.

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

Name	Title, Office	Invitation Rationale
Jesse von Stein	Chief of Staff, U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Congressman Cory Mills	Works on foreign policy for Rep. Mills
Brandon Ramsay	Senior Policy Analyst for Oversight and Intelligence Subcommittee, United States House Foreign Affairs Committee Democrats, Representative Gregory Meeks	Works on foreign policy for House Foreign Affairs Committee Democrats
Zahraa Saheb	Chief of Staff, U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Emily Randall	Works on foreign policy for Rep. Randall
Prerna Bhat	Climate and Environment Legislative Assistant, U.S. Senate, Senator Cory Booker	Works on foreign policy for Sen. Booker
Sophie Jones	Subcommittee on Africa Staff Director, U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Sara Jacobs	Works on foreign policy for Rep. Jacobs
Arpi Karapetyan	Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Gregorio Casar	Works on foreign policy for Rep. Casar
Rachel Everette	National Security Advisor, U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Jason Crow	Works on foreign policy for Rep. Crow
Diego Sanchez	Legislative Assistant, U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Pramila Jayapal	Works on foreign policy for Rep. Jayapal

Global South Policy Hub (GSPH) NODEL to South Africa

Traveler Agenda

** The following agenda has been updated to meet the 6 hours per day of programming requirement for Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 9.*

Saturday, October 3 – Travel Day	
Flight departs in the late afternoon (TBC)	
Sunday, October 4 – Travel Day	
Arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa in the evening (TBC)	
Monday, October 5	
Local Time and Venue	**Details**
9:15 –9:30 a.m. South African Institute for International Affairs – Meeting Room	**Welcome and Opening Remarks – Briefing** Speakers: • **Aude Darnal**, Executive Director, GSPH • **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos**, Chief Executive, South African Institute for International Affairs
9:30 –10:30 a.m. South African Institute for International Affairs – Meeting Room	**Expert Panel: South Africa and Global South Perspectives on the Future World Order** Moderation: **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos**, Chief Executive, South African Institute for International Affairs and **Aude Darnal**, Executive Director, GSPH Speakers: • **Philani Mthembu**, Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue • **Tim Murithi**, Head of the Peacebuilding Interventions Programme, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, University of Cape Town
10:30 –10:45 a.m.	Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. –12:15 p.m. South African Institute for International Affairs – Meeting Room	**Policy Dialogue 1: [Topic on Economic Development: Green Transition and Critical Minerals]** Moderation: TBC Speakers: ● **José Miguel Ahumada**, Assistant Professor, Instituto de Estudios Internacionales of the University of Chile; Former Chile Vice Minister of Trade; GSPH Nonresident Fellow ● **Alaka Lugonzo**, Partnerships Lead – Africa, Global Witness; GSPH Nonresident Fellow ● **Moeletsi Mbeki**, Political Analyst and National Council Chair, South African Institute for International Affairs
12:15 –1:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:45 –3:15 p.m. South African Institute for International Affairs – Meeting Room	**Policy Dialogue 2: [Topic on Economic Development: Green Transition and Critical Minerals]** Moderation: TBC Speakers: ● **José Miguel Ahumada**, Assistant Professor, Instituto de Estudios Internacionales of the University of Chile; Former Chile Vice Minister of Trade; GSPH Nonresident Fellow ● **Alaka Lugonzo**, Partnerships Lead – Africa, Global Witness; GSPH Nonresident Fellow ● **Elton Nkwane Thobejane,** Chairperson, Sekhukhune Combined Mining Affected Communities
3:15 –3:45 p.m.	Break and Networking
3:45 –4:45 p.m. South African Institute for International Affairs – Meeting Room	**Briefing on mining in South Africa and next day's community visit** Speaker: TBC
4:45 –7:00 p.m.	**Educational visit to the Constitutional Court**

	Delegates will visit the Constitutional Court of South Africa — with context from expert guides — to understand the institutional foundations of South Africa's constitutional democracy. This grounding is especially relevant given current strains in the bilateral relationship, offering delegates a clearer basis for the discussions on U.S.–South Africa relations that follow later in the program.
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.	Dinner
Tuesday, October 6	
Local Time and Venue	**Details**
6:30 –9:30 a.m.	Travel
9:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m.	**Educational visit to a community impacted by critical mining** During this part of the program, delegates will visit the Platinum Mines region to better understand how critical mining extraction operates, its impact on communities living in mining-rich areas, their perspectives on the challenges they face and potential solutions to address them and spur economic development and mutually beneficial partnerships.
1:00 –2:30 p.m.	**Conversation Lunch: Lessons Learned from the Community Visit and Looking Forward** Moderation: TBC
2:30 –5:30 p.m.	Travel Back
5:30 –7:00 p.m.	Break
7:00 –9:00 p.m. TBC Restaurant	**Conversation Dinner with experts: South Africa's foreign policy** Moderation: TBC Speakers:

	• **Sandra Africa**, Research Director, Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection • **David Monyae**, Director, Centre for China Africa Studies; Associate Professor, University of Johannesburg • **Kamal Ramburuth**, G20 Project Lead, Institute for Economic Justice; GSPH Nonresident Fellow
Wednesday, October 7	
Local Time and Venue	**Details**
9:00 –10:30 a.m.	Travel to Pretoria
10:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m. TBC Hotel Venue	**Meeting with South Africa's Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO)** Moderation: **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos**, Chief Executive, South African Institute for International Affairs Speakers: • **DIRCO TBC**
12:00 –1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 –1:45 p.m.	Commute
1:45 –3:15 p.m. TBC Hotel Venue	**Meeting with National Treasury of South Africa OR Department of Trade, Industry and Competition** Moderation: TBC Speakers: • **National Treasury/Department of Trade TBC**
3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	Commute
4:00 –5:30 p.m. TBC AUDA-NEPAD Office	**Meeting with African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development OR African Peer Review Mechanism Secretariat**

	Moderation: **Aude Darnal**, Executive Director, GSPH Speakers: ● **Nardos Bekele-Thomas**, Director General, African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development ● **Pamla Gopaul**, Program Head of Africa Policy Bridge Tank, Economic Analysis and Foresight Unit Lead, African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development ● **TBC**
5:30 –7:00 p.m.	Travel Back
7:00 –9:00 p.m. TBC Restaurant	**Conversation Dinner: U.S.-South Africa relations** Moderation: **TBC** Speakers: ● **Chris Isike**, Director of the African Centre for the Study of the United States, University of Pretoria ● **Bob Wekesa**, Director of the African Centre for the Study of the United States, Wits University ● **TBC**
Thursday, October 8	
Local Time and Venue	**Details**
9:00 –10:30 a.m. South African Institute for International Affairs – Meeting Room	**Policy Dialogue 3: [TOPIC on International Financial Architecture Reform]** Moderation: **Aude Darnal**, Executive Director, GSPH Speakers: ● **Danny Bradlow**, Professor and Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for the Advancement of Scholarship, University of Pretoria; G20 Senior Fellow, South African Institute for International Affairs

	• **Pamla Gopaul**, Program Head of Africa Policy Bridge Tank, Economic Analysis and Foresight Unit Lead, African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development • **Tidiane Kinda**, Senior Resident Representative, International Monetary Fund
10:30 –10:45 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:45 a.m. –12:15 p.m. South African Institute for International Affairs – Meeting Room	**Policy Dialogue 4: [TOPIC on International Financial Architecture Reform]** Moderation: **TBC** Speakers: • **Kuseni Dlamini**, President, American Chamber of Commerce South Africa; National Council member, South African Institute for International Affairs • **Mzwanele Ntshwanti**, Senior Researcher, Institute for Economic Justice • **Kamal Ramburuth**, G20 Project Lead, Institute for Economic Justice; GSPH Nonresident Fellow
12:15 –1:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:45 –3:15 p.m. South African Institute for International Affairs – Meeting Room	**Policy Dialogue 5: [TOPIC on World Order]** Moderation: **TBC** Speakers: • **Jakkie Cilliers**, Head of the African Futures and Innovation Program, Institute for Security Studies Africa • **Liesl Louw-Vaudran**, African Union Senior Advisor, International Crisis Group • **John Stremlau**, Honorary Professor of International Relations, Wits University
3:15 –3:30 p.m.	Coffee Break

3:30 –5:00 p.m. South African Institute for International Affairs – Meeting Room	**Policy Dialogue 6: [TOPIC on World Order]** Moderation: **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos**, CEO, South African Institute for International Affairs Speakers: ● **Sanusha Naidu**, Senior Research Fellow, Institute for Global Dialogue ● **Anthoni van Nieuwkerk**, Professor in International and Diplomacy Studies, University of South Africa ● **Priyal Singh**, Senior Researcher, Institute for Security Studies Africa
5:00 –6:30 p.m.	Break and Networking
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.	Dinner
Friday, October 9 – Travel Day	
Local Time and Venue	**Details**
8:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m.	**Educational visit to Soweto, Mandela House, and the Apartheid Museum** Delegates will visit the neighborhood of Soweto, Mandela House, and the Apartheid Museum — with context from expert guides — to understand the historical legacies shaping South Africa's transition to democracy and its present-day political posture, including its approach to sovereignty, multilateralism, and non-alignment. Closing the program with this visit allows delegates to revisit the week's discussions on bilateral and multilateral relations through the historical lens that continues to inform them.
12:30 –1:00 p.m.	Commute
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	**Open Policy Debate Lunch** During this session, participants will engage in an open debate on policy opinions regarding the role of the United States in the world and the future of the international world order and multilateralism.

	Moderation: TBC
3:00 –4:00 p.m. South African Institute for International Affairs – Meeting Room	**Closing Discussion: The Future World Order** Speakers: ● **Aude Darnal**, Executive Director, GSPH ● **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos**, Chief Executive, South African Institute for International Affairs
Depart for Airport - Flight takes off in the evening (TBC)	
Saturday, October 10 – Travel Day	
Flight lands in Washington, D.C. during the day (TBC)	

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Global South Policy Hub (GSPH) NODEL to South Africa

Traveler Agenda

Saturday, October 3 – Travel Day	
Flight departs at 5:30 p.m., Dulles International Airport	
Sunday, October 4 – Travel Day	
Arrive in Johannesburg, South Africa at 9:20 p.m., O.R. Tambo International Airport	
Monday, October 5	
Local Time and Venue	**Details**
8:45 –9:15 a.m.	Welcome Coffee
9:15 –9:30 a.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Welcome and Opening Remarks – Briefing** Speakers: • **Aude Darnal**, Executive Director, GSPH • **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos**, Chief Executive, SAIIA
9:30 –10:30 a.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Expert Panel: South Africa and Global South Perspectives on the Future World Order** Moderation: **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos**, Chief Executive, SAIIA and **Aude Darnal**, Executive Director, GSPH Speakers: • **Philani Mthembu**, Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue • **Tim Murithi**, Head of the Peacebuilding Interventions Programme, Institute for Justice and Reconciliation, University of Cape Town • **Ottilia Maunganidze,** Head of Special Projects, Institute for Security Studies
10:30 –10:45 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:45 a.m. –12:15 p.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Policy Dialogue 1: [Topic on Economic Development: Green Transition and Critical Minerals]** Moderation: **Claude Kabemba, Executive Director, Southern African Resource Watch** Speakers:

	• **José Miguel Ahumada**, Assistant Professor, Instituto de Estudios Internacionales of the University of Chile; Former Chile Vice Minister of Trade; GSPH Nonresident Fellow • **Alaka Lugonzo**, Partnerships Lead – Africa, Global Witness; GSPH Nonresident Fellow • **Delton Muianga**, post-doctoral, Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, Wits University
12:15 –1:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:45 –3:15 p.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Policy Dialogue 2: [Topic on Economic Development: Green Transition and Critical Minerals]** Moderation: **Alex Benkenstein,** Head of Climate and Natural Reources Porgramme, SAIIA Speakers: • **José Miguel Ahumada**, Assistant Professor, Instituto de Estudios Internacionales of the University of Chile; Former Chile Vice Minister of Trade; GSPH Nonresident Fellow • **Alaka Lugonzo**, Partnerships Lead – Africa, Global Witness; GSPH Nonresident Fellow • **Elton Nkwane Thobejane,** Chairperson, Sekhukhune Combined Mining Affected Communities
3:15 –3:45 p.m.	Break and Networking
3:45 –4:45 p.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Briefing on mining in South Africa and next day's community visit** Speaker: TBC
4:45 –7:00 p.m.	**Guided educational visit to the Constitutional Court** Delegates will visit the Constitutional Court of South Africa — with context from expert guides — to understand the institutional foundations of South Africa's constitutional democracy. This grounding is especially relevant given current strains in the bilateral relationship, offering delegates a clearer basis for the discussions on U.S.–South Africa relations that follow later in the program.
7:00 –8:30 p.m.	Dinner
Tuesday, October 6	
Local Time and Venue	**Details**
6:30 –9:30 a.m.	Travel

9:30 a.m. –1:00 p.m. TBC	**Guided educational visit to a community impacted by critical minerals mining** During this part of the program, delegates will visit the Platinum Mines to better understand how critical mining extraction operates, its impact on communities living in mining-rich areas, their perspectives on the challenges they face and potential solutions to address them.
1:00 –2:30 p.m.	**Conversation Lunch: Lessons Learned from the Community Visit and Looking Forward** Moderation: TBC
2:30 –5:30 p.m.	Travel Back
5:30 –7:00 p.m.	Break
7:00 –9:00 p.m. Hotel Restaurant	**Conversation Dinner with experts: South Africa's foreign policy** Moderation: **Sithembile Mbete**, Executive Director, Public Affairs Research Institute Speakers: • **Sandra Africa**, Research Director, Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection • **David Monyae**, Director, Centre for China Africa Studies; Associate Professor, University of Johannesburg • **Kamal Ramburuth**, G20 Project Lead, Institute for Economic Justice; GSPH Nonresident Fellow
Wednesday, October 7	
Local Time and Venue	**Details**
9:00 –10:30 a.m.	Travel to Pretoria
10:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m. TBC Hotel Venue	**Meeting with South Africa's Department of International Relations and Cooperation** Moderation: **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos**, Chief Executive, SAIIA Speakers: • **DIRCO TBC**
12:00 –1:30 p.m.	Lunch
1:30 –1:45 p.m.	Commute
1:45 –3:15 p.m.	

TBC Hotel Venue	**Meeting with National Treasury of South Africa OR Department of Trade, Industry and Competition** Moderation: TBC Speakers: • **National Treasury/Department of Trade TBC**
3:15 – 4:00 p.m.	Commute
4:00 –5:30 p.m. TBC AUDA-NEPAD Office	**Meeting with African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development** Moderation: **Aude Darnal**, Executive Director, GSPH Speakers: • **Nardos Bekele-Thomas**, Director General, African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development or **Pamla Gopaul**, Program Head of Africa Policy Bridge Tank, Economic Analysis and Foresight Unit Lead, African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development • **TBC**
5:30 –7:00 p.m.	Travel Back
7:00 –9:00 p.m. TBC Restaurant	**Conversation Dinner: U.S.-South Africa relations** Moderation: **Chris Isike**, Director of the African Centre for the Study of the United States, University of Pretoria Speakers: • **David Ansara**, Executive Director, Free Market Foundation • **Bob Wekesa**, Director of the African Centre for the Study of the United States, Wits University • **Kuseni Dlamini**, President, American Chamber of Commerce South Africa; National Council deputy chair, SAIIA
Thursday, October 8	
Local Time and Venue	**Details**
8:30 –9:00 a.m.	Arrival Coffee
9:00 –10:30 a.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Policy Dialogue 3: [TOPIC on International Financial Architecture Reform]** Moderation: **Aude Darnal**, Executive Director, GSPH Speakers:

	• **Danny Bradlow**, Professor and Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for the Advancement of Scholarship, University of Pretoria; G20 Senior Fellow, SAIIA • **Pamla Gopaul**, Program Head of Africa Policy Bridge Tank, Economic Analysis and Foresight Unit Lead, African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development • **Tidiane Kinda**, Senior Resident Representative, International Monetary Fund
10:30 –10:45 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:45 a.m. –12:15 p.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Policy Dialogue 4: [TOPIC on International Financial Architecture Reform]** Moderation: **TBC** Speakers: • **Nara Monkam,** Professor of Public Economics and Chair in Municipal Finance in Africa, University of Pretoria • **Kamal Ramburuth**, G20 Project Lead, Institute for Economic Justice; GSPH Nonresident Fellow • **Smita Kuriakose**, Lead Economist in the Finance, Competitiveness and Innovation Global Practice, World Bank.
12:15 –1:45 p.m.	Lunch
1:45 –3:15 p.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Policy Dialogue 5: [TOPIC on World Order]** Moderation: **Gustavo de Carvalho,** Head of African Governance and Diplomacy Programme, SAIIA Speakers: • **Jakkie Cilliers**, Head of the African Futures and Innovation Program, Institute for Security Studies Africa • **Liesl Louw-Vaudran**, African Union Senior Advisor, International Crisis Group • **John Stremlau**, Honorary Professor of International Relations, Wits University
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GSPH NODEL to South Africa: Participants List

Name	Title, Office
Jesse von Stein	Chief of Staff, U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Congressman Cory Mills
Brandon Ramsay	Senior Policy Analyst for Oversight and Intelligence Subcommittee, United States House Foreign Affairs Committee Democrats, Representative Gregory Meeks
Zahraa Saheb	Chief of Staff, U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Emily Randall
Prerna Bhat	Climate and Environment Legislative Assistant, U.S. Senate, Senator Cory Booker
Arpi Karapetyan	Senior Policy Advisor, U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Gregorio Casar
Rachel Everette	National Security Advisor, U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Jason Crow
Diego Sanchez	Legislative Assistant, U.S. House of Representatives, Representative Pramila Jayapal

August 24, 2026

Dear Brandon Ramsay,

The Global South Policy Hub (GSPH), a project of the Center for Economic and Policy Research, a 501(c)(3) organization, is delighted to **invite you to participate in a bipartisan NODEL to Johannesburg, South Africa,** from **October 3 – 10, 2026**.

The non-official delegation (NODEL) is designed for fact-finding on U.S. relations with Global South countries and the future of multilateralism. Over five days, you will participate in policy dialogues and site visits, and meet with policy experts from Global South countries, as well as officials from regional organizations and the South African government.

You will explore topics such as reform of the international financial architecture, development-oriented strategies for the exploitation of critical minerals, and the future of the world order. You will also examine the U.S.-South Africa relationship and discuss bilateral and multilateral cooperation to advance shared economic and development priorities.

We believe that your perspective will make an invaluable contribution to these discussions.

We would love to have you join this delegation to South Africa, pending Ethics Committee approval.

Attached to this email is a list of documents you must submit to the Ethics Committee for approval. Please do so by Monday, August 31, with the absolute latest deadline as Wednesday, September 2, to ensure your participation in the NODEL.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at adarnal@gsphub.org and Madison Harris (mharris@gsphub.org).

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and we hope to welcome you to this timely delegation.

Sincerely,



Aude Darnal
Executive Director
Global South Policy Hub

GSPH U.S. Non-Official Delegation to South Africa

Saturday, October 3 – Travel Day	
Flight departed Washington, D.C. from IAD at 5:30 p.m. (KL0652)	
Flight landed in Amsterdam at AMS at 6:55 a.m.	
Flight departed Amsterdam from AMS at 10:35 a.m. (KL0591)	
Sunday, October 4 – Travel Day	
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9:15 – 10:15 a.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Expert Panel: South Africa and Global South Perspectives on the Future World Order** This opening panel sets the foundation for the delegation by sharing South African and greater Global South perspectives on the shifting world order. Panelists will discuss how South Africa and other Global South countries view multilateral institutions, regional security, and relations with major powers, and where their priorities align with or diverge from the United States. The discussion will also explore what Global South countries want from the international system and global cooperation, and what that means for U.S. engagement. The discussion frames the themes of the week ahead, including reform of the international financial architecture and the economics of critical minerals and the green transition. Moderation: **Aude Darnal**, Executive Director, GSPH Speakers: • **Philani Mthembu,** Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue • **Ottilia Maunganidze**, Head of Special Projects, Institute for Security Studies • **Chris Landsberg**, Special Advisor to the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation

10:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Economic Development: Green Transition and Critical Minerals** **Policy Dialogue 1: Value-Chain Upgrading, Development, and Industrial Strategy** This dialogue focuses on how producer countries in the Global South can leverage their critical mineral endowments for long-term economic transformation rather than remaining trapped in traditional extractivist models. It will examine domestic strategies for moving beyond raw material exports toward value-added processing and manufacturing, drawing key lessons from policy measures like Indonesia's mineral export restrictions to offer U.S. congressional staffers local insights into emerging critical minerals discourse. The conversation will explore how U.S. partnerships spanning trade policy, direct investment, and technical assistance can foster broad-based industrialization and mutual interests. The discussion will also address how to align ambitious global climate action with local economic development, ensuring that Global South countries are active drivers of the clean energy transition rather than passive suppliers of raw commodities. Critically, it will provide actionable perspectives on how U.S. trade and supply chain policy can support local value addition in Africa and the broader Global South while securing stable critical inputs for U.S. markets. Moderation: **Claude Kabemba,** Executive Director, Southern African Resource Watch Speakers: • **Alex Benkenstein,** Head of Climate & Natural Resources Programme, South African Institute for International Affairs • **Alaka Lugonzo,** Partnerships Lead – Africa, Global Witness; GSPH Nonresident Fellow • **Delton Muianga,** Postdoctoral Fellow, Southern Centre for Inequality Studies, Wits University
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3:00 – 3:30 p.m.	**Commute**
3:30 – 5:00 p.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Economic Development: Green Transition and Critical Minerals** **Policy Dialogue 2: Governance, Geopolitics and Multilateral Cooperation** This panel explores the intersection of political sovereignty, public accountability, and international power dynamics surrounding critical mineral supply chains, offering U.S. congressional staffers firsthand perspectives from Global South experts on resource governance. Discussions will center on designing robust governance frameworks that prevent corruption, elite capture, human rights violations, and illicit financial flows while remaining attractive to responsible private investment. It will also examine how international law and multilateral mechanisms better safeguard producer countries against pressure from external actors, ensuring that mineral wealth directly benefits local communities and protects human rights and environmental standards. The panel will highlight emerging South–South, regional, and multilateral frameworks designed to reduce historical structural dependencies. The panel will provide insights into how U.S. policy can support accountable, community-centered mineral development to be more competitive in today's context. Moderation: **Alex Benkenstein**, Head of Climate and Natural Resources Programme, South African Institute for International Affairs Speakers: • **José Miguel Ahumada,** Assistant Professor, Instituto de Estudios Internacionales of the University of Chile; Former Chilean Vice Minister of Trade; GSPH Nonresident Fellow • **Alaka Lugonzo,** Partnerships Lead – Africa, Global Witness; GSPH Nonresident Fellow
5:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Break and Networking
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Briefing on mining in South Africa and next day's community visit** This briefing prepares congressional staffers for the next day's community visit to the platinum mining region by introducing the role mining plays in South Africa's economy, communities, and politics. It will discuss how the industry is structured, how mining companies and host communities interact, and what delegates should expect during the visit. It will give delegates a grounded view of the realities behind the previous critical minerals discussions.

	Speaker: **Gavin Andersson,** Social Development and Organization Specialist, Mining Dialogues 360
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.	Commute and break
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Restaurant - Hyatt House Johannesburg Rosebank	Dinner at the hotel
Tuesday, October 6	
Local Time and Venue	Details
6:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Commute to Marikana, Rustenburg Local Municipality
9:30 –10:30 a.m. Marikana, Rustenburg Local Municipality	**Guided educational visit to a community impacted by critical mining** During this part of the program, delegates will tour the Platinum Mines area with an expert guide to better understand how critical mining extraction operates, its impact on communities living in mining-rich areas, their perspectives on the challenges they face, and potential solutions to address them.
10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Mineworkers Development Agency Marikana Hub	**Briefing with the Mineworkers Development Agency's Social Employment Program** Delegates will gain insight into community development activities implemented under the Mineworkers Development Agency's Social Employment Program – a nonprofit created by South Africa's mineworkers' union. The briefing will give staffers a concrete example of local agriculture-focused development efforts around the mines they have just visited, and additional context to complement the previous day's discussions. Speaker: **Simon Leshoai,** Manager, Social Employment Program, Mineworkers Development Agency
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Marikana Youth Development Organization office	**Briefing with the Marikana Youth Development Organization** Delegates will meet with the organization's founder and community activist, Raserola Mashamaite, who will share community perspectives on the opportunities and challenges South Africa's platinum mining communities face. The conversation will offer delegates community perspectives to complement the policy analyses discussed the previous day.

	Speaker: **Raserola Mashamaite,** Founder, Marikana Youth Development Organization
1:00 – 2:30 p.m. Restaurant in Marikana - Mozambik	**Lunch Dialogue with Sibanye-Stillwater** Following the community visit to the platinum mining area, delegates will join a lunch discussion with Sibanye-Stillwater, a global precious and battery metals mining company with operations in both South Africa and the United States. Coming straight from the visit, delegates will be able to put questions to the company about what they saw and heard in the community, including the role of mining in local livelihoods and the company's responsibilities to the communities where it operates. The conversation will also offer an industry perspective on critical minerals development and on the opportunities and obstacles for U.S.–South Africa cooperation on critical minerals and the green transition. Moderation: **Alex Benkenstein**, Head of Climate and Natural Resources Programme, South African Institute for International Affairs Speakers: • **Daudet Seke**, Vice President of PGMs Sales and Metallurgical Accounting, Sibanye-Stillwater • **Sbusiso Msomi**, Community Engagement and Development Coordinator, Sibanye-Stillwater
2:30 – 5:30 p.m.	Commute back to Johannesburg
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	Break
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. SAIIA	**Dinner Dialogue with experts: South Africa's Foreign Policy** This dinner dialogue brings together South African experts to discuss what drives South Africa's foreign policy choices and how the country balances its relationship with the United States, China, and other partners. Speakers will draw on South Africa's role in the G20 and BRICS to give delegates a candid view of how South Africa sees its position in a changing world order. This session will prepare delegated or the next day's meetings with governmental and regional officials. Moderation: **Sithembile Mbete,** Executive Director, Public Affairs Research Institute Speakers: • **Sandra Africa,** Research Director, Mapungubwe Institute for Strategic Reflection

	• **David Monyae,** Director, Centre for China Africa Studies; Associate Professor, University of Johannesburg • **Kamal Ramburuth,** G20 Project Lead, Institute for Economic Justice; Nonresident Fellow, Global South Policy Hub
Wednesday, October 7	
Local Time and Venue	Details
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	**Meeting with American Chamber of Commerce in South Africa** Delegates will meet with the American Chamber of Commerce in South Africa to hear directly from the business community on the operating environment for U.S. companies in the country. The discussion will cover commercial opportunities and challenges, and what they mean for the broader U.S.–South Africa economic relationship. Speaker: **Michelle Constant**, CEO, American Chamber of Commerce in South Africa
12:30 – 2:00 p.m.	**Commute to Pretoria: Briefing on South African Political History** Delegates will receive a briefing on South Africa's political history and system of government, including the structure of its national, provincial, and local institutions and the dynamics of the current coalition government. This session gives delegates the foundation to engage with the meetings and policy dialogues that follow, particularly on how South African domestic politics shape its foreign policy and economic priorities. Speaker: **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos,** Chief Executive, SAIIA
2:00 – 3:30 p.m. TBC Hotel Venue	**Meeting with South Africa's Department of International Relations and Cooperation** Delegates will meet with South African foreign policy officials to hear firsthand how Pretoria approaches economic diplomacy, multilateral reform, and its partnerships with the United States and other powers. The meeting offers a direct view of the South African government's foreign policy priorities and how it sees the U.S.-South Africa relationship. Moderation: **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos,** Chief Executive, SAIIA Speakers:

	• **Phumzile Mazibuko**, Chief Director, Department of International Relations and Cooperation • **Anesh Maistry**, Director of Economic Diplomacy Training and Support, Department of International Relations and Cooperation
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Commute
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.	**Meeting with U.S. Embassy** This meeting will focus on U.S. diplomatic priorities and engagement with South Africa and across the wider continent. Embassy officials will walk delegates through current bilateral and regional priorities, including trade, security, and development, and share how those priorities translate into diplomatic work in South Africa. Moderation: **Aude Darnal**, Executive Director, GSPH Speakers: • **Lydia Hall**, Economic Officer, Embassy of the United States to South Africa • **Derek Wilson**, Political Counselor, Embassy of the United States to South Africa • **Shannon Rogers**, Chief of Foreign Assistance, Embassy of the United States to South Africa • **Andrew Gale**, Economic Officer, Embassy of the United States to South Africa
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.	**Commute back to Johannesburg: Debrief Discussion** Following the day's meetings with AmCham, the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO), and the U.S. Embassy in South Africa, delegates will reflect on what they heard and compare perspectives from the business community, the South African government, and the U.S. diplomatic mission. This facilitated discussion will help delegates draw out common themes and open questions as they move into the rest of the program.
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Dinner
Thursday, October 8	
Local Time and Venue	Details
8:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Arrival Coffee
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.	**International Financial Architecture Reform**

SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Policy Dialogue 3: Rating Agencies, the Cost of Capital, and Financial Architecture Reform** This panel will discuss how debt, global tax rules, and illicit financial flows limit the resources developing countries can invest in their own growth. The discussion will offer U.S. congressional staffers insight into the root causes of fiscal instability in developing partners and why addressing them is in U.S. long-term interests. Panelists will examine why borrowing costs are so high for many Global South countries, including the role of credit rating agencies, and discuss options for faster, more predictable debt restructuring. The session will also look at efforts to reform global tax rules, including negotiations on a U.N. tax convention, and at ways to curb trade mis-invoicing and offshore tax evasion. Panelists will explain how addressing these issues can build financially resilient partners, preserve national fiscal sovereignty, and enhance the long-term effectiveness of U.S. aid and trade engagement. Moderation: **Désiré Vencatachellum,** Distinguished Fellow, South African Institute of International Affairs Speakers: • **Danny Bradlow,** Professor and Senior Research Fellow at the Centre for the Advancement of Scholarship, University of Pretoria; G20 Senior Fellow, SAIIA • **Pamla Gopaul,** Program Head of Africa Policy Bridge Tank, Economic Analysis and Foresight Unit Lead, African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development • **Mzwanele Ntshwanti**, Senior Researcher, Institute for Economic Justice
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	**Meeting with the Special Advisor to the South African President on Investment Promotion** Delegates will meet with the Special Advisor to the South African President on Investment Promotion to learn how the government is working to attract and mobilize investment. This conversation offers a view of the South African government's economic priorities and its approach to engaging foreign investors, including from the United States. Speaker: **Alistair Ruiters**, Special Advisor to the South African President
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch break

1:00 – 2:30 p.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Meeting with South Africa's Department of Trade, Industry and Competition** Delegates will meet with officials responsible for South Africa's trade and industrial policy to discuss the country's push for value addition in critical minerals and its priorities for the U.S. trade relationship, including the future of the African Growth and Opportunity Act. The discussion will give delegates a firsthand view of how South Africa wants trade and investment partners to support local industrialization and what opportunities exists to strengthen trade relations with the United States. Moderation: **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos,** Chief Executive, SAIIA Speaker: **Ambassador Xolelwa Mlumbi-Peter**, Deputy Director-General of the Trade Branch, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition
2:30 – 4:30 p.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**The Future World Order** **Policy Dialogue 4: The Machinery Under Strain: Global-North Institutions and the Rise of Alternatives** This panel looks at the multilateral system as machinery under strain. The conversation will examine how decisions taken by the U.S. Congress affect the functioning of the United Nations, as well as the design limitations that have long constrained its efficiency. It will also address representation within traditional, Global North-led multilateral organizations such as the Bretton Woods institutions and the U.N. Security Council, as well as the role of South Africa and the African Union in the G20. The conversation will explore why African states are seeking institutional reform and why it is in U.S. interests to support it. It will also provide insights into rising alternative institutions such as BRICS, South-South partnerships, and China-led organizations, and what the world order may look like in the coming decades if Global North multilateral organizations fail to adapt to new realities. Moderation: **Aude Darnal**, Executive Director, GSPH Speakers: • **Priyal Singh**, Senior Research Consultant, Institute for Security Studies • **Philani Mthembu**, Executive Director, Institute for Global Dialogue • **Gustavo de Carvalho**, Acting Programme Head for African Governance and Diplomacy, SAIIA • **David Ansara**, Chief Executive Officer, Free Market Foundation

	• **Lwazi Somya**, Manager of Research, Policy and Stakeholder Engagement, Southern African Liaison Office
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Break and Networking
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.	Dinner at restaurant
Friday, October 9 – Travel Day	
Local Time and Venue	Details
9:00 –9:30 a.m.	**Commute to Apartheid Museum: Briefing on History of Apartheid in South Africa** On the way to the Apartheid Museum, delegates will receive a short briefing on the history of apartheid and the transition to democracy. This will prepare delegates for the museum visit and give them the context to connect what they see to South Africa's politics and foreign policy today. Speaker: Elizabeth Sidiripoulos, Chief Executive, SAIIA
9:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.	**Educational visit to the Apartheid Museum** Delegates will visit the Apartheid Museum — with context from expert guides — to understand the historical legacies shaping South Africa's transition to democracy and its present-day political posture, including its approach to sovereignty, multilateralism, and non-alignment. Closing the program with this visit allows delegates to revisit the week's discussions on bilateral and multilateral relations through the historical lens that continues to inform them.
12:00 –12:30 p.m.	Commute
12:30 –2:00 p.m.	**Lunch and Debrief of the Apartheid Museum** Following the Apartheid Museum visit, delegates will gather for a debrief lunch to reflect on what they saw and discuss how South Africa's history shapes its present-day politics, its approach to the global order, and its relationship with the United States. The discussion will also give delegates a chance to connect these themes to the week's meetings and policy dialogues.
2:00 –3:00 p.m.	Commute and break
3:00 –4:30 p.m. SAIIA – Meeting Room	**Closing Discussion: The Future World Order** To close the program, delegates will take part in a facilitated debrief to reflect on the week's meetings, site visits, and policy dialogues.

	Delegates will discuss key takeaways on U.S.–South Africa relations, international financial architecture reform, critical minerals, and the future of the multilateral order, and consider how what they learned can inform their work in Congress. Moderators: ● **Aude Darnal**, Executive Director, GSPH ● **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos**, Chief Executive, South African Institute for International Affairs
4:30 –7:15 p.m.	Break and Networking
End of official programming	
Saturday, October 10 to Wednesday, October 14 – Personal Extension	
Thursday, October 15 – Travel Day	
Flight takes off from Johannesburg at JNB at 11:15 p.m. (KL0592)	
Friday, October 16 – Travel Day	
Flight lands in Amsterdam at AMS at 10:20 a.m.	
Flight takes off from Amsterdam at AMS at 1:15 p.m. (KL0651)	
Flight lands in Washington, D.C. at IAD at 3:35 p.m.	

GSPH NODEL to South Africa: House Ethics Committee Post-Travel Form Instructions

Please make sure to file your submission with the Clerk of the House via email at gifttravelreports@mail.house.gov within 15 days of your return.

The following is information that you will need to fill out your Employee Post-Travel Form:

- Departure Date: Saturday, October 3, 2026
- Return Date: Saturday, October 10, 2026 (or your actual return date for those who traveled on another date)
- Departure City: Washington, DC
- Destination: Johannesburg, South Africa
- Return City: Washington, DC
- Sponsor: Global South Policy Hub, a project of the Center for Economic and Policy Research
- Describe meetings and events attended: Attended expert panels, policy dialogues, and meetings with South African government, civil society, business representatives, and U.S. Embassy officials to discuss U.S.-South Africa relations, critical minerals, international financial architecture reform, and global governance. Conducted educational visits to historical sites in Johannesburg and a mining area in Marikana.

Make sure to attach the following documents to your submission:

1. Your Traveler Form submitted to the Committee prior to the Trip, including all revisions;
2. The Trip Sponsor Form and all addenda submitted to the Committee prior to the Trip, including all revisions; (see email attachment)
3. The list of House Members and employees who were invited; (see email attachment)
4. The list of House Members and employees who actually participated in the Trip; (see email attachment)
5. The Invitation; (see email attachment)
6. The agenda submitted with the Traveler's initial pre-approval submission to the Committee; (see email attachment)
7. The actual agenda and description of activities in which the Traveler participated during the Trip, if any changes were made; (see email attachment)
8. A copy of the approval letter or other written communication from the Committee authorizing the Traveler's participation in the Trip; and
9. A copy of the Sponsor Post-Travel Disclosure Form, certifying the actual costs incurred by the Traveler. (see email attachment)