2013 Unconference Events
Monday, May 13, 2013 | Washington, DC

Caring for Children at Home and Abroad: Partnership Opportunities with Children’s National Medical Center
Hosted by Children’s National Medical Center
Monday, May 13 | 10:45 AM-12:00 PM
Meridian Suites, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Children’s National Medical Center is consistently ranked among the best pediatric hospitals in the United States. The International Program at Children’s National coordinates medical care for families from countries throughout the world; facilitates educational exchanges for medical professionals and other partnerships; and facilitates second opinion services. State-of-the-art telemedicine technology allows doctors in Washington to share information with more than 100 partnership sites in 14 countries, with many opportunities to expand. At this event, medical and partnership specialists from Children’s National will highlight their programs, with particular emphasis on the organization’s engagement with diaspora communities. The session will provide an opportunity to engage in dialogue and networking opportunities on ways to bolster engagement with diaspora communities and ways to expand the international program to impact children’s health worldwide.

RSVP: Please RSVP to ltanner@cnmc.org

STEM Diasporas: Developing a Network and Sharing Success Stories
Hosted by Harvard University
Monday, May 13 | 10:45 AM-12:00 PM
Meridian Suites, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004
Women in STEM scientific diasporas provide career development plus educational and training opportunities thus empowering participation in scientific endeavors through teaching, research, design, and development projects, service, and mentorship. Diasporas must connect women with local and international STEM mentors to promote networking and celebrate accomplishments. Diasporas should increase engagement and networking, and provide leadership and entrepreneurship training. This session will (1) explore the roles of mentoring and peer networks then discuss creating collaborative networks; (2) initiate a project that enables women to share success stories and start peer-to-peer mentoring networks; and (3) identify core topics and path for NODES to promote women in STEM diasporas networks.

RSVP: Please RSVP to sbhatia@seas.harvard.edu

Igniting Global Technology Entrepreneurship
Hosted by CRDF Global
Monday, May 13 | 12:30-3:00 PM
Duques Hall Room 451, George Washington University, 2201 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20037

The Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) Initiative, a partnership led by CRDF Global and the U.S. Department of State, invites you to join us for a lunchtime panel discussion on global innovation and technology entrepreneurship. This luncheon will provide an opportunity to celebrate successes achieved by entrepreneurs from emerging economies and hear from speakers who work to enhance entrepreneurial communities around the globe. With this interactive platform, participants will learn about innovation and entrepreneurship and how diaspora groups can take these tools to help bridge communities and create new opportunities. For more information about this event, including agenda and speaker line up, please click here <http://www.crdfglobal.org/news-and-events/upcoming-events/2013/04/23/Igniting_Global_Technology_Entrepreneurship>.

RSVP: Please register at http://gistunconference.eventbrite.com/

The Power of Communications to Connect the Diaspora
Hosted by Fleishman-Hillard International Communications
Monday, May 13 | 1:00-2:30 PM
Meridian Suites, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Fleishman-Hillard will engage forum participants in a wide-ranging conversation about communications within and among diaspora communities. The panel discussion will include thought leaders from the communications and technology sectors, each of whom
will provide insights into effective communications and best practices based on their experiences. Building on the results of a preconference survey, panelists will also provide actionable recommendations that diaspora groups of any size can use to connect their communities.

RSVP: Please register at http://diasporacommunications.eventbrite.com

Building bridges with the Afghan people: Engagement for prosperity in the new Afghanistan
Hosted by Afghan Trusted Network; Co-hosted by the Bayat Foundation, Roots of Peace, and League for Hope
Monday, May 13 | 1:00-3:00 PM
Meridian Suites, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Round table participants and attendees, including Afghan diaspora, will highlight best practices to empower the people of Afghanistan, including youth, and to encourage people to work together.

RSVP: Email rosaliejwyatt@gmail.com with "USAID Unconference Event Registration" in the subject line. Seating is limited.

Social Entrepreneurship, Philanthropy and the Chinese Diaspora
Hosted by China Impact Fund and TeaLeafNation.com
Monday, May 13 | 1:00-3:00 PM
Meridian Suites, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

This panel discussion with leaders in businesses, social innovation, and philanthropy sectors will discuss issues related to the bond between the U.S. and China, particularly how entrepreneurship and social innovation can inspire youth and how they can connect the U.S. with the Greater China Area. The group will also discuss the newest trends in youth entrepreneurship, philanthropy, social venture fund, and other innovation issues. Speakers include: Mr. Tao Zhang, Co-Founder and Managing Director of the China Impact Fund; Mr. Andrew Ho, Manager of Global Philanthropy at the Council on Foundations; and executive members from Harvard China Citizenship and Social Innovation SEED Camp.

RSVP: Please RSVP to Mr. Yang Fan at hi.fanyang@gmail.com

Looking Ahead: The Next Generation of African Diaspora Leadership & Contributions
Hosted by Diaspora African Women’s Network
Monday, May 13 | 1:00-3:00 PM
Meridian Suites, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

*This panel will explore the various ways next generation African diaspora organizations and leaders are working to support Africa’s long term development and prosperity. As Africa faces a doubling of its population by 2040, the diaspora is simultaneously experiencing growing pains and finding new opportunities to engaging with the continent. Speakers will share and discuss their best practices, lessons learned and current opportunities for next generation leadership.*

RSVP: Please register online at [http://dawners.org/GDF2013](http://dawners.org/GDF2013)

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**Solve for X @ Global Diaspora Forum**
Hosted by Solve for X; in partnership with U.S. Department of State’s Office of the Science and Technology Adviser (STAS) and USAID’s Office of Innovation and Development Alliances (IDEA)
Monday, May 13 | 1:00-3:00 PM
Pavilion Room, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

*Join this special MIT Technology Review Innovators Under 35 edition of Solve for X! SolveforX.com is a forum to encourage and amplify moonshots – radical technology-based proposals for solving global problems. Solve for X Global Partnerships and Community Development Lead, Karishma Shah, on the power of moonshot thinking, and Vaughan Turekian, Chief International Officer for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, will kick off the event speaking on the importance of science diasporas to solve the next great challenge. Three MIT Technology Review Innovators Under 35 will share their 8 minute moonshot proposals and share any roadblocks that they've encountered along the way. After the presentations, the Solve for X team will lead a session with attendees to brainstorm in roundtable groups on how the innovators can continue pushing forward their radical moonshot proposals.*

RSVP: Please register at [https://services.google.com/fb/forms/solveforxGDF/](https://services.google.com/fb/forms/solveforxGDF/)

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**Triangular Partnership**
Hosted by People to People
Monday, May 13 | 2:00-4:00 PM
Merkamo Restaurant, 7020 Commerce St., Springfield, VA 22150
As healthcare and medical education disparities grow in developing countries, global health programs in the western world are on the rise. The need for a structured, transparent and ethical platform to overcome these challenges is imperative. We propose an innovative triangular partnership between Western institutions, Institutions in developing countries, and a bridging diaspora network. People to People (P2P) is an NGO based in the US that has demonstrated success in creating and implementing such a model in Ethiopia. One of P2P's fundamental beliefs is that poor countries may remain poor if their domestic ideas are not cultivated into capacity building projects. In fact, international aid can prevent countries from developing indigenous solutions. The triangular partnership will narrow the gap through research, education and training.

RSVP: Please RSVP to marakishimelis@gmail.com or info@peoplepeople.org

Extending Diaspora Groups Engagement in Philanthropy
Hosted by Safe Bridge of Help and LPN Consulting
Monday, May 13 | 2:00-4:00 PM
UDC Community College, Room 711, 801 North Capital St, NE, Washington DC 20002

The roundtable discussion focuses on strategies for leveraging philanthropy to solve development problems. It is an interactive session that challenges the participants' thinking and inspires: 1) New solutions for local to global collaborations; 2) An agenda for strengthening Diaspora efforts towards effective philanthropic resource mobilization; 3) Framework(s) for collaborative implementation strategies. There will be opportunities to discuss obstacles to leveraging philanthropy and how those could be minimized. The participants will present their perspectives, engage in discussion and answer questions around the topic. Participants in this roundtable are expected to be catalysts of change and improvements relative to philanthropy for development.

RSVP: Please register at http://www.lpnconsultingllc.com/gdf/

Spotlight Diplomacy: We All Shine
Hosted by The Karabakh Foundation
Monday, May 13 | 2:00-4:00 PM
Karabakh Foundation Headquarters, 1128 16th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

Cultural foundations provide an outstanding third partner in the relationship of diaspora communities with their countries of origin. Skilled cultural facilitators shine light on traditions and heritage, illuminate and nurture grafting of old and new, and spark connections between practitioners and onlookers. The Karabakh Foundation describes the business of spotlighting displays and performances of native lands and immigrant communities.
“Spotlight diplomacy” builds on the intent of cultural diplomacy to generate a single shared and safe space in which multiple groups display their culture and interact. Spotlighting elevates all cultural expressions and eliminates obstacles caused by an "us and them" scenario.

RSVP: Please register at http://spotlightdiplomacy.eventbrite.com

Harnessing the Untapped Power of the Diaspora
Hosted by Aspen Institute
Monday, May 13 | 3:00-6:00 PM
Aspen Institute, One Dupont Circle NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20036

This event will bring together diaspora members from PNB countries (Indonesia, Pakistan, Jordan, the Palestinian Territories, Turkey, Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, Morocco, and Mauritania) to discuss best practices to leverage the power of the diaspora for the economic advancement of these countries. The 3-hour event will include a panel discussion that will focus on effective policy engagement strategies for diaspora organizations and will be followed by two breakout sessions. The first breakout will explore the role of the diaspora in spurring technological innovation in local communities; the second on ways the diaspora can utilize remittances to maximize economic growth.

RSVP: Please register at http://pnbdiaspora.eventbrite.com/

Connecting People Worldwide, Online and On Air
Hosted by Broadcasting Board of Governors and Voice of America
Monday, May 13 | 3:30-5:00 PM
Pavilion Room, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

The panel will focus on how working journalists cover events on a variety of media platforms using innovative programming. The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) is an independent federal government agency that oversees all U.S. civilian international broadcasting. Its networks include the Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio and TV Martí, Radio Free Asia and the Middle East Broadcasting Networks (Alhurra TV and Radio Sawa).

RSVP: Please RSVP to smcginley@voanews.com

Diaspora Collaboration Among Early-Career Researchers
Hosted by National Academy of Sciences
Monday, May 13 | 3:30-5:00 PM
Meridian Suites, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

The postdoctoral community in the United States includes 90,000 individuals plus associations, research institution offices, and the National Postdoctoral Association. Several diaspora communities and international organizations recognize the importance of postdoctoral researchers for their country of origin and seek to support them. This session will bring together postdoctoral and diaspora representatives, research institutions, and the international community to discuss the needs of international postdoctoral researchers, how organizations support these individuals, and ways that communities can collaborate in future to enhance the training experience for international postdoctoral researchers and thereby improve discovery and innovation outcomes for the global research enterprise.

RSVP: Please RSVP to djproctor@gmail.com

Doing Business in Africa: U.S. Government Resources
Hosted by U.S. Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA)
Monday, May 13 | 3:30-5:00 PM
International Trade Center, Training Room A (Mezzanine Level), 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Trade between the U.S. and sub-Saharan Africa has tripled over the past decade and U.S. exports now top $21 billion. Africa is home to 6 of the 10 fastest-growing countries in the world. Moderated by ITA, reps from Ex-Im Bank, OPIC, TDA and MBDA will highlight the Administration’s "Doing Business in Africa" campaign.

RSVP: Please RSVP to dbiacomment@trade.gov

Latin American Diasporas: USAID Priorities and Engagement Opportunities
Hosted by USAID Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean
Monday, May 13 | 3:30-5:00 PM
Meridian Suites, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

The leadership of USAID’s Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean will provide an overview of President Obama’s second term priorities for the region, and discuss opportunities for diaspora organizations to engage both in the U.S. and abroad.

RSVP: Please RSVP to kbeeuwkes@usaid.gov
USAID in the Middle East: Working in a Region in Transition
Hosted by USAID Middle East Bureau
Monday, May 13 | 3:30-5:00 PM
Meridian Suites, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

Acting Assistant Administrator of the USAID Middle East Bureau Alina Romanowski will talk about USAID’s work in the region, its challenges, and its successes. She will be joined by the Deputy Assistant Administrators Chris Crowley and Hady Amr of the Middle East Bureau who will take part in the interactive Q&A session with the audience at the end.

RSVP: Please register at http://usaidmiddleeast.eventbrite.com

Beyond the MDGs: A Participatory Dialogue on Global Development Futures 2030
Hosted by Institute of Caribbean Studies and The Futures Forum
Monday, May 13 | 3:30-5:30 PM
Meridian Suites, Ronald Reagan Building, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004

This event will bridge the gap in stakeholder consultations by the UN High Level Committee on the post Millennium Development Goals targets. Participants will exchange ideas on aspirations for Global Development in 2030; craft elements of a shared vision; and posit a role for Diasporas in development processes and agendas. Invitations will be sent to various diaspora organizations in DC with hope of having broad participation from Asia, Africa, and the Latin America and Caribbean region. The outcome of this Dialogue will be prepared for submission to the UN-NGO consultative process and U.S. Representation to the United Nations. It is also hoped that this will result in agreement for diaspora engagement in this process.

RSVP: Please register at www.beyond2015.eventbrite.com

Can You Go Home Again? Understanding the Diaspora
Hosted by Peace Corps and Phelps Stokes
Monday, May 13 | 4:00-5:30 PM
1111 20th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

Can You Go Home? Unpacking The Diaspora is an interactive panel that will attempt to unpack the term diaspora. The event will focus on how and why diaspora communities engage with their communities of heritage through experience sharing and small group discussions. Featured panelists include Gabino Guerengomba (Founder, Integrated Solar Technology), Julian Kiganda (President, African Diaspora for Change), Paula Olson
(Logistics Coordinator, Business Community Synergies), and Emira Woods (Co-Director, Foreign Policy in Focus). The session will be moderated by Pape Samb (President and CEO, Phelps Stokes).

RSVP: Please RSVP to diversity@peacecorps.gov by May 6

2013 VEGA Diaspora Volunteer Service Award Ceremony & Reception
Hosted by Volunteers for Economic Growth Alliance (VEGA)
Monday, May 13 | 4:30-6:30 PM
1726 M St NW, Suite 800, Washington, DC 20036

VEGA is continuing the Diaspora Volunteer Service Awards as a way to recognize the outstanding work of diaspora volunteers, and to host a networking reception that will help facilitate collaboration between diaspora communities and VEGA’s volunteer-sending member organizations. The potential of diasporas to contribute to development through volunteerism is vast, and the power can be unlocked through coordination with partners that have extensive experience with international volunteering and can provide the necessary support to diasporas looking for ways to give back to their countries of heritage. Join VEGA in celebrating the impact of diaspora volunteerism and meet others who are interested in promoting economic growth around the world.

RSVP: Please register at http://vegadiasporaaward2013.eventbrite.com