

**Africa – USA Study Tour on Services Liberalization**  
14 – 17 May, 2007. Washington D.C., USA

**Agenda**

**Tuesday**

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Introductory briefing session on the current status of the trade negotiations and the political situation in the United States and the importance of trade liberalization in the services sector for development
- **Jim Kolbe**, Senior Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States
  - **Sherry Stephenson**, Director of Trade, Tourism and Competitiveness, Organization of American States
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Briefing Session with **Christine Bliss**, Assistant USTR for Services and Investment and **William Jackson**, Director for African Affairs
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Luncheon discussions with Ambassadors from African Missions
- **Mourad Layachi**, Economic & Trade Counselor, Embassy of the Kingdom of Morocco
  - **Gareth Rees**, Economic Counsellor, Embassy of South Africa  
**Lina Ochieng**, Commercial Counselor, Embassy of Kenya  
**Charles Ssentongo**, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Uganda
  - **Representative from the Embassy of Tanzania**
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Briefing on current immigration debate in the U.S.
- **Dan Restrepo**, Director, The Americas Project, Center for American Progress
  - **Patrick Shen**, Associate and Director of Government Relations, Fragomen
- 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. American Friends Services Committee (AFSC); discussion with NGOs about development impact of services liberalization
- 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Dinner discussion with members of the Coalition of Service Industries on business interests in services negotiations and contribution of services liberalization to development

### Wednesday

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Meetings with Representatives from USAID and USTR to discuss trade capacity building efforts in Africa
- **Brenton Bohling** USAID Trade and Investment
  - **Bruno Cornelius** USAID Africa Bureau
  - **William Jackson** USTR
- 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Briefing on Trade Capacity Building in the Services Sector  
**Pierce Davis**, Country Manager, Africa Region, U.S. Trade and Development Agency
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Transatlantic Regulatory Cooperation in Services: Does it matter to the developing world? **Linda Schmid**, Independent Consultant on International Trade Policy and Development and **Bernard Hoekman**, Director, Development Research Group, the World Bank
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Briefing on Immigration with **Brian Forni**, Legislative Assistant in Congressman **Bill Delahunt**'s office (D-MA)

### Thursday

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Meetings at the State Department with representatives of Bureau of African Affairs to talk about the State Departments involvement in Africa's economic development
- **Thomas Hastings**, Financial Economist, Liaison to the IMF and the World Bank
  - **Camille Jackson**, Program Analyst
  - **Janet Potash**, International Economist
- 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Informal Debrief
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m. Meeting with **Congressman Meeks** (D-NY) and his Legislative Director **Sophia King**
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Meeting with **Sam Mitchell** in Senator Salazar's (D-CO) office
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Meeting with Congressman **Jim McDermott** (D-WA)