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Date: August 25, 2011
Lecture Title: The Southern Sudan Referendum and the Prospects for a New Nation

Presenter: Ms. Sara Taylor

Ms. Sara Taylor is the UMES Democracy and Governance Officer Under an agreement with USDA and assigned to USAID. In that capacity, she serves as the primary Washington-based democracy and governance technical expert for AFR/SP and USAID/Sudan. Since joining the office in 2009, Ms. Taylor has spent more than 60 percent of her time in Sudan, serving as an extended member of the USAID/Sudan Democracy and Governance Team. Previously, Ms. Taylor managed the Bangladesh and Malaysia programs at the International Republican Institute (IRI) for nearly four years. She worked with USAID’s Policy and Program Coordination Bureau from 2003-2005 and 1997-2000. Ms. Taylor was a Peace Corps volunteer in Bangladesh from 2000-2001, and was a short-term election observer in Slovakia for the 1998 parliamentary and 1999 presidential elections. Ms. Taylor holds an MA in development studies from the School for International Training and a BA in Russian Studies and English from the College of William and Mary. She is proficient in Bengali and French, with basic knowledge of Spanish.

Date: August 30, 2011
Lecture Title: USAID Support of Clean and Renewable Energy in the Electricity Sectors of Sub-Saharan Africa

Presenter: Mr. Jeffrey Humber

Mr. Jeffrey Humber is the UMES Infrastructure Finance Specialist under agreement with USDA on assignment to USAID and has more than 25 years of experience in international project finance and development. He currently directs USAID’s Africa Infrastructure Program, which provides experienced international project finance experts to help move advanced sub-Saharan clean and renewable electricity sector projects towards financial closure. Previously, he had been a Vice President of Project Finance at the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi (BTM) where he advised international project developers and governments on structuring and securing finance for international private power projects; an International Project Developer with the international consortium that developed the 1300 MW HUB Power Project in Pakistan, a Program Director for USAID’s Private Sector Energy Development Program (PSED), a Long-term Advisor to the World Bank on the evaluation and financing of infrastructure projects, and a Vice President of Advanced Engineering Associates International where he directed its USAID energy activities. Jeff has an MBA in Finance from the MIT Sloan School of Management and a BA in Business from the University of Massachusetts.
**Date:** September 1, 2011  
**Lecture Title:** Leveraging Equity Capital for SMEs in the Missing Middle: USAID Experience  

**Presenter:** Mr. Jeffrey Jackson

Mr. Jeffrey Jackson is the UMES Economic Growth Advisor under an agreement with USDA on assignment to USAID. He currently serves as Senior Private Sector Advisor in the USAID Africa Bureau, where he has responsibility for the broad areas of trade, investment, enterprise development and finance. Earlier in his career, Mr. Jackson held positions at the International Monetary Fund, U.S. Treasury Office of International Affairs, and the U.S. Congress Committee on Budget. For most of the past twenty years, he has lived and worked throughout eastern and southern Africa in various positions that involved advising government departments and agencies on private sector-led economic growth strategies. He participated in the design, development and implementation of new financial products. In the academic area, Mr. Jackson was Adjunct Assistant Professor of Economics at the University of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C. Mr. Jackson holds a BA from Columbia University in New York (1972) and a MA from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (1975) where his focus areas were Economics, African Studies and International Law. Additional Studies were undertaken at Oxford University and the UDC Graduate School of Business.

**Date:** September 22, 2011  
**Lecture Title:** What African Agriculture Needs, and What the US Government is Able to Offer: The Feed the Future Initiative  

**Presenter:** Mr. Robert Navin

Mr. Robert Navin is currently the UMES Senior Agricultural Advisor under agreement with USDA on assignment to USAID Bureau of Food Security. As such, he assists with both the design of country strategies as well as program designs. These strategies integrate sustainable economic growth, poverty alleviation, climate change mitigation, nutrition, and gender. He is also a thought leader on overall international development with specialties in agribusiness and value chain analysis, policy development, and institutional capacity development. During 2009-10, Mr. Navin managed the civilian side of a Department of Defense (DOD) -funded program. This resulted in a better understanding of how military and civilian perspectives could one day be combined in an efficient way to solve geographically contiguous problems. After a 25 year career in USAID’s Foreign Service, Mr. Navin has resided in Sri Lanka, Georgia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Bosnia while working on economic growth and agricultural development programs. During his USAID career, he resided in Zaire for five years, Bangladesh for four, Indonesia for four, and Senegal for five years. He has worked in more than forty countries including those in Latin America and Eastern Europe. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in Senegal, has an M.S. in Agricultural Economics from Michigan State University, and speaks French, Indonesian, and Wolof.
Date: September 27, 2011
Lecture Title: Conservation agriculture – Challenges and Promise for Chronically Food Insecure Areas

Presenter: Dr. Julie March

Dr. Julie March is UMES Agriculture and Food Security Advisor under an agreement with USDA and assigned to the Office of US Foreign Disaster Assistance, within the US Agency for International Development (USAID). In this capacity, Dr. March provides technical assistance globally to address challenges to food security and agricultural production for vulnerable populations faced with disasters. Prior to disaster response, Dr. March worked with USAID’s Office of Food for Peace where she focused on agricultural development and emergency response. Julie received her Ph.D. in ecology from the University of Georgia. As a Fulbright fellow, her research focused on the importance of ecological concepts as they related to the sustainability and resiliency of small farms in Northeastern Brazil. She continues to consider the importance of ecology in enhancing the sustainability of emergency interventions for vulnerable populations in emergencies.

Date: September 29, 2011
Lecture Title: Communicating USAID Foreign Assistance to the U.S. Public, Media and Congress.

Presenter: Ms. Angela Stephens

Ms. Angela Stephens is the UMES Development Outreach and Communications Officer under an agreement with USDA. Assigned to USAID, she has provided communications expertise to the USAID Office of Sudan Programs. Her work focuses on informing the U.S. public, media, Congress, and other government bodies about the humanitarian and development assistance USAID is providing to Sudan from the American people. Before joining the Sudan office, she worked at USAID’s Office of Food for Peace. Prior to joining USAID, Ms. Stephens worked at the National Endowment for Democracy’s Center for International Media Assistance, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom and the Program on International Policy Attitudes at the University of Maryland, where she helped launch WorldPublicOpinion.org. She spent most of her career as a journalist focused on international topics, including as a reporter based in Egypt. She earned a B.A. in Communications from UCLA, an M.A. in Journalism from the University of Southern California, and a Master of International Public Policy from Johns Hopkins University’s School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC.
Date: October 6, 2011
Lecture Title: Building Nationhood: An overview of USAID’s Support to the New Nation of South Sudan

Presenter: Mr. Gary Imhoff

Mr. Gary Imhoff is the UMES Senior Program and Budget Officer, under an agreement with USDA and assigned to USAID/AFR/SP. Before starting with UMES he worked directly for USAID and served a total of 26 years at Cairo, Egypt; Rangoon, Burma; Manila, the Philippines; Port-au-Prince, Haiti; and, Washington, DC. During those years he served as a Commodity Management Officer, Project Development Officer, Program Officer and (Acting) Deputy Mission Director (Haiti and Caucasus) and (Acting) Mission Director (Albania and Lithuania). Since retiring in 2002, Mr. Imhoff worked as a consultant, principally supporting USAID programs at Moscow, Russia and Kiev, Ukraine but also other programs throughout Eastern Europe. In 2009, he joined the Office of Sudan Programs as the UMES Senior Program Officer. Mr. Imhoff received an MBA from the University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio and served two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer at St. Lucia, West Indies, where he was assigned as the Loan Officer attached to the Agricultural and Industrial Bank as well as served as the Business Manager for an ILO-funded crafts activity: Design St. Lucia.

Date: October 13, 2011
Lecture Title: Your International Humanitarian Shelter Dollars at Work: An Overview of USAID/OFDA Shelter and Settlements Sector Activities in Recent International Disasters

Presenter: Mr. Charles Setchell

Mr. Charles Setchell is the UMES Shelter, Settlements, and Hazard Mitigation Advisor, under an agreement with USDA and assigned to USAID Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance. Mr. Setchell has 35 years of experience in managing the process of physical, social, and economic change, both in the US and abroad. This professional experience is rooted in undergraduate (University of California, Davis) and graduate (University of California, Berkeley) degrees in urban and environmental planning, as well as doctoral studies in urban planning at MIT. Since his arrival at OFDA in 1998, Mr. Setchell has helped respond to all major international disasters/crises, designing and implementing shelter and settlements projects and disaster risk reduction activities in numerous countries (including among others: Haiti, Iraq and Afghanistan), as well as promoting “DRR” through the integration of relief and development activities. He makes presentations at training courses, meetings, and conferences on a regular basis, and has published on a wide variety of topics. This professional experience is rooted in undergraduate (University of California, Davis) and graduate (University of California, Berkeley) degrees in urban and environmental planning, as well as doctoral studies in urban planning at MIT.
Date: October 25, 2011  
Lecture Title: Jumpstarting Agriculture in Southern Sudan  
Presenter: Dr. Harry Bottenberg

Dr. Harry Bottenberg is the UMES Economic Growth Officer under an agreement with USDA and assigned to USAID. He has worked as an Economic Growth Officer in the Sudan Program since June 2009. His main responsibilities lie in the area of agriculture and he also serves as the Mission Environmental Officer. Previously, Dr. Bottenberg was the Agriculture Development Advisor at the USAID West Africa Regional Mission in Accra, Ghana, where he managed regional activities relating to biotechnology, horticulture, agribusiness, cotton and locust outbreaks for the USAID/WA Agriculture and Environment Office. From 2001-2004 he was the Training and Research Advisor for the USAID Africa Emergency Locust and Grasshopper Assistance. Dr. Bottenberg is originally from The Netherlands, has studied in the Philippines and conducted graduate research in Malaysia and Costa Rica.

Date: October 27, 2011  
Lecture Title: Emerging Economies of Sub-Saharan Africa  
Presenter: Dr. Jerome Wolgin

Dr. Jerry Wolgin is the UMES International Economist under an agreement with USDA and assigned as economic advisor to the Director of the Office of Sustainable Development in the Africa Bureau of USAID. This is his second time around with USAID. In the ten years between his two USAID stints, he was a Lead Economist for the World Bank, providing economic leadership to partnership activities, especially with respect to the Strategic Partnership for Africa (SPA) and the African Development Bank (AFDB). Dr. Wolgin drafted sections of the World Bank’s flagship study, Challenges of Economic Growth; and was a major contributor to the development of the African Catalytic Growth fund. He also served as Task Team Leader for Bank Strategy on Nigeria. In his first twenty years at USAID, Dr. Wolgin worked on economic issues, especially economic policy across Sub-Saharan Africa, and was Director of AFR/SD for six years where he Co-chaired the Economic Management Working Group of the SPA and helped develop the $120 million Presidential Initiative on Education in Africa, as well as the $30 million Trade and Investment program. He was awarded the first-ever General George C. Marshall Award given to the outstanding civil service employee in USAID. The author/co-author of many publications on economics, he has a B.A. in political science from the University of Pennsylvania, M.Ph. and Ph.D. in economics from Yale University.
**Date:** November 3, 2011  
**Lecture Title:** Climate Change Impacts on Sub-Saharan Africa: How Do We Adapt?  

**Presenter:** Dr. Tegan Blaine

Dr. Tegan Blaine is the UMES Global Climate Change Support Advisor under agreement with USDA/FAS/Development Resources and Disaster Assistance Division (DRDAD) on assignment to USAID’s AFR/Office of Sustainable Development (SD)/Economic Growth, Environment and Agriculture Division, (EGEA). Her duties include setting the strategic direction for USAID’s climate change investments in Africa and providing support to missions as they begin to build climate change programs, especially in the area of adaptation. Most recently, she worked on climate change and international development at McKinsey & Company, where her experience included work in renewable energy, adaptation, and water, as well as leadership and capacity building in the federal government. Prior to joining McKinsey, she was a policy advisor on access to water and sanitation in developing countries at the U.S. Department of State, where she managed integrated water resource management projects in Ethiopia, Indonesia and El Salvador. Tegan has a Ph.D. in climate from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography and a B.S. in mathematical ecology. She served in the Peace Corps in Tanzania.

**Date:** November 10, 2011  
**Lecture Title:** The Role of the Private Sector in Feed the Future Initiative and African Agriculture  

**Presenter:** Ms. Jacklyn Claxton

Ms. Jacklyn Claxton is the UMES Agricultural Trade Specialist under an agreement with USDA and assigned to USAID. She presently serves as Private Sector Advisor within the Private Sector and Innovation Office in the USAID Bureau for Food Security. She works closely with the missions to develop private sector engagement within their multi-year food security strategies and implementation programs under the Feed the Future Initiative in line with the country-led Comprehensive Africa Agriculture Development Program (CAADP). Prior to joining USAID, Ms. Claxton was the Acting Director of Agribusiness Initiatives at the Corporate Council on Africa (CCA) where she was responsible for planning the U.S.-Africa Agribusiness Forum and the agribusiness track for the U.S.-Africa Business Summit. She also managed the USAID Public-Private Agriculture Initiative. Ms. Claxton has served as the Director of Consultancy Services for a UK-based consulting and project management firm in Nigeria. Ms. Claxton also worked with the U.S. African Development Foundation in Nigeria. Ms. Claxton completed her graduate work as a David L. Boren Graduate Fellow in Kenya. She holds a Master of Business Administration as well as a Master of Arts in International Studies and English. She received a Bachelor of Arts in African Studies and English from Yale University.
Date: November 29, 2011  
Lecture Title: The Role of Stewardship in Pesticide Delivery Systems  

Presenter: Dr. Yeneheh Belayneh

Dr. Yeneheh Belayneh, UMES Program Manager for Assistance for Emergency Locust and Grasshopper Abatement (AELGA), under an agreement with USDA and assigned to USAID. He was born and raised in Ethiopia and has worked and served as an educator, a director of continuing education, head of academic affairs, an external examiner, an advisor for Ph.D. candidates, and a member of an editorial board of a professional association. Dr. Belayneh has travelled extensively to develop, evaluate, and implement programs and projects funded through assistance provided by United States Agency for International Development. He has been a key partner in pushing forward international agendas relevant to safer and effective pest control programs and projects. In his current capacity as the Senior Technical Advisor for USAID, he provides policy guidance and technical assistance to the Agency, host-countries, international and regional partners; manages the AELGA (Assistance for Emergency Locust and Grasshopper Abatement) project; works closely with the UN/FAO and other partners to promote, support and implement safer, effective and affordable means of pest management and control. He is also actively engaged in programs and projects on obsolete pesticide mitigation and prevention as a means of ensuring food security, human health and environmental safety. Dr. Belayneh received his first degree in biology with a minor in chemistry; completed his M.Sc. in Entomology and Crop Protection; and his doctoral degree in Ecotoxicology and Environmental Entomology.

Date: December 1, 2011  
Lecture Title: Protection of Disaster-affected Populations  

Presenter: Ms. Anita Malley

Ms. Anita Malley is the UMES Internal Displacement and Protection Advisor under an agreement with USDA and assigned to USAID's Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance (OFDA). Anita provides technical guidance for OFDA staff and partners in addressing protection issues related to natural disasters and complex emergencies around the world. Since starting with UMES in 2006, she has worked in Haiti (after the earthquake), Kosovo, Monrovia, Sudan, and Liberia. Her earlier work in child protection took her to Pakistan (earthquake 2005), Sudan 2005, Iraq, 2003, 2004 and Afghanistan 2002, 2003. Ms. Malley received a B.A. in Economics and Political Science from the University of Toledo, and an M.A. in International Development Studies, Humanitarian Assistance Concentration, from the George Washington University, Elliott School of International Affairs.
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