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Consulting 101

Wednesday, April 29, 2020
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM | Panel Discussion via Zoom

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ABOUT THE EVENT

This is the first session of our Consulting event series. Consulting 101 is designed for new consultants, those who are exploring the consulting field, and more seasoned consultants who are interested in a refresher. Our speakers will go over contractual, accounting, and admin topics that every consultant will encounter in their careers as independent consultants.

Moderator
Amy Chase | Manager, Palladium

Ms. Amy Chase Chase is a full-time Manager at Palladium on the USAID contract, CATALYZE. She has almost a decade of experience in human rights and international development. She’s spent nine years managing USG-funded projects, especially USAID projects in conflict and unstable environments. She has worked in Iraq, Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, Kosovo, and Rwanda with organizations such as World Learning, Democracy International, The Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, Abt Associates, IFES, and The QED Group.

In 2018, Ms. Chase launched a social enterprise called The Crescendo Group which supports workforce development and economic empowerment for women, refugees, survivors of gender-based violence (GBV) and trauma, people with disabilities, and other marginalized groups. Crescendo currently works with local partners based in Kosovo, Albania, Italy, DC, Maryland, and Virginia. In 2019, Crescendo expanded its activities in diversity and inclusion (D&I) and workforce development services.

As a first-generation Chinese-American who has survived much trauma in her personal life, Ms. Chase was inspired by the resilience and strength of the survivors she met through her work in transitional and post-conflict societies. Prior to her career in international development and human rights, Ms. Chase was a project manager in marketing, media, and sales. She has a BBA from Baruch College and an MA in International Affairs from The New School. Ms. Chase is a native New Yorker and speaks fluent French and Cantonese. She has traveled to 50 countries and aspires to continue exploring many parts of the world.

Speaker
Katherine Gentic | Founder and CEO, Akiri Consulting LLC

Katherine Gentic is a contracts, compliance, operations and project management specialist with over 15+ years of experience in the USAID industry. She is the founder and CEO of Akiri Consulting LLC, a woman-owned small business that advises small businesses, NGOs, local subcontractors and prime implementing partners alike in USAID compliance, procurement, cost and pricing, and contracts/project management issues.

In 2018, Ms. Gentic launched an online consulting service that helps clients navigate the complex world of USAID compliance, procurement, cost and pricing, and contracts/project management issues.

Speaker
Shota Migineishvili | Controller, DevWorks

Shota Migineishvili is a finance professional with a background in financial accounting, financial analysis, data analytics, and applied programming. Some of his most notable achievements include administering a large stock-based compensation plan and publishing several articles in the scientific journal of the Central Bank of Georgia. Most recently, he served as Assistant Controller for Engender Health in Washington, DC, where he managed the accounting staff and supervised the financial accounting and reporting function. At DevWorks, he serves as the Controller where he is responsible for both Project and Corporate Accounting functions. Mr. Migineishvili is a Certified Public Accountant. A lifelong learner, he has completed doctoral coursework in Finance from the University of Vienna in Austria, a Postgraduate Diploma in Economics from the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna, Austria, an MBA from the European School of Management in Tbilisi, Georgia, and a BS and an MS in Applied Mathematics and Computer Science from Tsitsi State University in Tbilisi, Georgia.

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