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SID-US to Present U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee with its 2022 Award for Outstanding Leadership in International Development

Award to be given November 17 at SID-US' 2022 Annual Dinner

Washington, D.C. – [The Society for International Development – United States Chapter \(SID-US\)](#) is pleased to announce that its 2022 Annual Dinner Honoree will be U.S. Congresswoman Barbara Lee. Rep. Lee will receive the “*Award for Outstanding Leadership in International Development*.”

“Representative Lee is a true champion of international development,” Katherine Raphaelson, President of SID-US commented. “She has urged bold action on climate change and support of the UN Sustainable development goals to address global poverty, hunger, education gender equality, reproductive justice, economic inequality and more. Her commitment to promoting global stability and welfare for people throughout the world and her leadership on critical issues such as global health, peace and security and human rights have helped to support the work of our members in the international development community for more than twenty years. We are truly grateful for her service.”

This is the first Annual Dinner that SID-US has held since 2019 when it presented its award to retired Unilever CEO **Paul Polman**. **Henrietta H. Fore**, Executive Director of UNICEF and a former USAID Administrator, was the 2018 award recipient. Other past recipients include: **Admiral James Stavridis (ret.)**, **Carrie Hessler-Radelet**, **Amina J. Mohammed**, **Ambassador Melanne Vermeer**, **Maria Otero**, **Kemal Dervis**, **Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala**, **Andrew Natsios**, and **Brian Atwood**.

In addition, SID-US will present its [Andrew E. Rice Award for Leadership and Innovation by a Young Professional in International Development](#) to **Nasrat Khalid**, CEO of **Aseel**. An Afghan refugee until the age of 16, Mr. Khalid taught himself to use computers and developed a mobile e-commerce platform in 2017 to provide Afghan handmade products to the rest of the world. The platform has grown and expanded to include an emergency response system that supports over 350,000 people in Afghanistan.

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SID-US' [Annual Dinner](#) will take place at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C. More than 600 international development professionals, including senior-level representatives from NGOs, international development companies, the private sector, government agencies, universities, embassies, think tanks and consulting firms will gather to honor Rep. Lee's and Mr. Khalid's achievements, as well as those of the international development community as a whole.

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