SID-WASHINGTON PRESENTS THE FOLLOWING CHAPTER EVENT:

International Career Advancement Program (ICAP) Fellowship Virtual Brown Bag

Thursday, April 2, 2020
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM | Panel Discussion
Online via Zoom

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ABOUT THE EVENT

Despite social science research showing that diverse and inclusive leadership leads to more effective organizations, international development and foreign policy institutions continue to lack diversity at their senior levels in the United States. Although there is a long way to go, there are organizations and programs trying to help cultivate more diverse leaders in international affairs.

Recognized as a successful leadership program, the International Career Advancement Program (ICAP) is a professional development and leadership program—sponsored by the Aspen Institute and the University of Denver’s Josef Korbel School of International Studies—for mid-career professionals in international affairs in the United States. The program provides career advising, peer support, senior mentors, workshops on leadership, and policy discussions to help professionals from underrepresented groups and diversity and inclusion advocates have a more effective voice, achieve their potential, and assume leadership positions. With over 500 alumni, ICAP has helped its participants advance to senior positions in all employment sectors—U.S. Ambassadors, non-profit executives, and CEOs in the private sector. The success of ICAP has prompted the U.S. State Department, USDA, USAID, the US African Development Foundation, the Council on Foreign Relation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, the UN Foundation, and others to sponsor staff members to participate in the program. Applications for the 2020 cohort will launch in April.

SID-Washington invites its members to join an informational webinar to hear more about the ICAP program and hear from a panel of its alumni. This event is aimed at mid-career professionals, especially those from underrepresented groups, who want to learn about the ICAP program, why it is important, and what impact it has made on the careers of those working in international development.

This event is part of our Series on Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion.

Moderator

Nicholas Bassey | Acting Director, Center for Transformational Partnerships, USAID

Nicholas Bassey is Acting Director, Center for Transformational Partnerships, USAID. This team strategically fosters alliances with non-traditional stakeholders and enhances the Agency’s capacity to leverage and unlock private sector resources for international development. Prior to his work with this team he led the Research and Innovation Fellowships program, also at USAID, which built models for knowledge exchange by connecting American graduate student researchers with key organizations in developing countries to collaboratively apply science, technology, and innovation to complex international development challenges. Nicholas served as Director of University Programs for the U.S. Peace Corps, establishing and nurturing partnerships with a range of higher education institutions involved in international development. He also served the Peace Corps as Director of Placement. In this position he oversaw the selection of applicants, including applicant qualification and invitation procedures; managed the operations of the Placement Office; assured placement program planning and evaluation; and established and defined the agency’s Volunteer recruitment and placement goals. Before joining the Peace Corps staff, Nicholas was Director of the Institute for International Public Policy at the UNCF Special Programs Corporation. There he administered all aspects of a fellowship program designed to increase diversity in the international affairs workforce and the creation of partnerships and infrastructure to support international education programs at Minority Serving Institutions.

Nicholas also served as Assistant Vice President for Program Development at the Council for Opportunity in Education, an organization dedicated to expanding access to higher education; Deputy Director of the CDF Freedom Schools program at the Children’s Defense Fund; and Assistant Program Manager at the Morehouse College Office of Community Service. He earned a B.S. degree in Biology from Morehouse College and an M.A. in Higher Education Administration from the George Washington University.

Speaker

Alicia Contreras-Donello | Division Chief, Private Sector Development, USAID

Ms. Contreras-Donello is the Division Chief for the Private Sector Development Solution Group in E3’s Trade and Regulatory Reform Office overseeing private sector development and eCommerce. She most recently served as the Acting Deputy Office Director and Supervisory Private Enterprise Officer for the Energy Office in Pakistan managing USAID/Pakistan’s private sector engagement for the energy sector. Before arriving in Pakistan, she was the Regional Engagement and Advisory Services Team Leader in the U.S. Global Development Lab (Lab), where she managed the Lab’s internal and external global engagement. Prior to that, she was the Regional Engagement Chief for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC), managing the relationship between the Lab and the LAC USAID field Missions advising them on integrating science, technology, innovation and partnerships into their programming. She has been a Foreign Service Officer with USAID for 12 years and has served in Pakistan, Washington D.C., Tanzania, Afghanistan, and El Salvador.

Ms. Contreras-Donello received two undergraduate degrees, one in Marketing with an emphasis in business management and another in Spanish from Western Illinois University. Upon graduation, she worked at Liberty Mutual Insurance managing accounts for Fortune 500 companies. After two years of working in the private sector, she went back to school to get her Masters of Business Administration from Western Illinois University in conjunction with the Universidad Autónoma de Querétaro and the Université de Moncton. She studied abroad in the United Kingdom, Spain, Canada and Mexico. Ms. Contreras-Donello is from Aurora, IL, enjoys trying new cuisines, reading, and traveling, but most of all enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

Speaker

Dr. Aimee Rurangwa, M.D, MPH | Senior Technical Advisor, Health and HIV/AIDS, Project Concern International (PCI)

Dr. Rurangwa is a global health expert with over 15 years of experience in clinical practice and public health programs delivery. She currently serves as the Senior Technical Advisor for Health and HIV/AIDS at Project Concern International (PCI), a Washington DC based nonprofit organization focusing on empowering people to enhance health, end hunger, overcome hardship and advance women & girls around the world.

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Speaker (cont.)

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Prior to PCI, Dr. Rurangwa led the Family Health International francophone’s nutrition and infectious diseases portfolio. She also managed the American Society of Microbiology's global laboratory capacity strengthening program in 10 countries around Africa and the Caribbean. Before relocating to the US, Dr. Rurangwa worked in Rwanda as a physician at the University Teaching Hospital, and as a lecturer and Director of Programs at the School of Public health of the National University of Rwanda. Dr. Rurangwa is a 2019 Fellow of the Aspen Institute’s International Career Advancement Program (ICAP). She holds a Medical Doctor degree from the National University of Rwanda, a Master of Public Health from Benedictine University.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Development Finance Workgroup Planning Meeting**
  Workgroup Event | Online via Zoom | 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM
  
  - **Going Virtual in the COVID-19 Era**
    Special Event | Online via Zoom | 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
  
  - **Consulting 101**
    Network Event | Online via Zoom | 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM
  
  - **Putting disability inclusion at the center of our work**
    Workgroup Event | Online via Zoom | 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM
  
  - **Youth Crime and Violence Prevention: Strategies that Work?**
    Workgroup Event | Online via Zoom | 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Please note that we frequently add new events to our calendar, so please sign up for our newsletter to get the latest information. To register for our upcoming events, check out our website.