

Developments



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American Leadership for Global Development

In July 2009, TASC brought together leaders from Congress, the Administration, NGOs, and business at the American Leadership for Global Development strategic dialogue. The schedule included a series of panels and roundtable discussions focused on trade and investment, climate change, and the role of women in development. The day kicked off with a breakfast featuring opening remarks by Rep. Jim McDermott, Rep. Earl Blumenauer, and Ambassador Stuart Eizenstat, who led U.S. negotiations on the Kyoto Protocol under President Clinton. The morning's featured speakers addressed the impact of the global



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Chairman Charles Rangel with Rep. Debbie Halvorson

economic crisis on exports and remittances. One central theme of the morning discussion was the need for a more robust trade strategy for developing countries and expanded capacity building assistance. The following panel discussions focused on national security and international development, public private partnerships, (cont'd on page 4)

A Word on 2009...

This year GlobalWorks Foundation celebrates its 8th anniversary. In 2009, the board and senior staff worked to organize our programs around three overlapping development priorities: economic growth and poverty reduction, women and development, and climate change and adaptation. We added new expertise in these areas to our advisory boards, and GlobalWorks' project, the Trade, Aid, and Security Coalition, significantly expanded its related public programming and research and analysis. In July, we hosted a major all day forum, American Leadership for Global Development, which brought together a diverse group of stakeholders from government, NGOs, business, and other influentials for a structured dialogue on how trade and investment, new rules on climate change, and the role of women relate to global development. The recommendations and outcomes of these discussions were reflected in policies championed by the Obama administration and the event generated many new partners for TASC. Other programs throughout the year included two major Congressional events, several Global Poverty Roundtables, as well as events co-sponsored with Constituency for Africa and the African Union.

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Global Poverty Roundtable Series:

Recent Roundtables:

- **“Climate Change and Global Poverty”** with Nigel Purvis, President of Climate Advisers, a former senior U.S. climate change negotiator and a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, Environment, and Science. Mr. Purvis discussed how the confluence of climate change and trade policy can help developing countries, specifically in regards to the agriculture sector.
- **“Next Steps in Modernizing Foreign Assistance”** with Steve Radelet, Senior Fellow at Center for Global Development and co-chair of the Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network (MFAN). Mr. Radelet discussed the current landscape and next steps towards modernizing U.S. Foreign Assistance to support economic growth, development, and poverty reduction around the world.
- **“Trade and Labor Proposals: A New Regime”** with Dr. Richard Feinberg of the University of California, San Diego, and a former Special Assistant to President Clinton. Dr. Feinberg discussed how national ministries of labor and global brands can engage in effective multi-stakeholder dialogues to avoid duplication of efforts, increase efficiencies, reduce costs and advance workers' rights.



Steve Radelet, Center for Global Development



Participants at a roundtable discussion

- **“Multilateral Development: What? How? Why?”** with Frederick Tipson, Director of the Washington Liaison Office, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). Mr. Tipson discussed ways in which Congress and the new administration can promote multilateral collaboration on economic, political and social development in the poorest countries in the wake of the national and global financial crisis.

Staff and Network News

- GlobalWorks Foundation has moved! **Our new address is: 888 17th St. NW, Suite 1200, Washington, DC 20006.**
- **Eric P. Schwartz** stepped down as Senior Advisor to GlobalWorks Foundation in June when he accepted his new position as Assistant Secretary of State for Population, Migration and Refugees. Congratulations to our friend Eric as he embarks upon this exciting opportunity.
- **Jennifer Morris** joined GlobalWorks Foundation as Executive Director in May. She is a Director at Fontheim International and previously served as Deputy Director of the Canadian American Business Council and as Government Affairs Manager for a major Washington law firm.
- GlobalWorks Foundation welcomes our two newest Advisory Board members, **Edward Gresser** and **Nigel Purvis**. Mr. Gresser is the Director of the Trade and Markets Project at the Progressive Policy Institute and previously served as Policy Advisor to U.S. Trade Representative Barshefsky. Mr. Purvis is the founder and President of Climate Advisers and previously served as a senior U.S. climate change negotiator and a former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans, Environment and Science.

Duty Free, Quota Free Market Access for the Poor and Effective Trade Preferences

TASC continues to educate policymakers and other key stakeholders about the benefits and importance of duty free, quota free market access for sub Saharan African countries and other least developed countries. In 2009, TASC began to organize regular conversations with NGO and business partners in order to reach consensus for a new and simplified trade preferences framework. The group seeks an outcome that will result in economic benefits and sustainable development for the poorest countries.

Sarah Thorn, Wal-Mart Stores Inc. participates in the conversation about public-private partnerships



Frank Loy, former Under Secretary of State for Global Affairs, and **Walter Grazer**, National Religious Partnerships for the Environment, discuss climate change and development issues



Samuel Worthington, President and CEO of InterAction, weighs in at a roundtable discussion while **Mike Castellano**, Office of Sen. Reid, listens closely



TASC Dialogues

- In June, TASC hosted a roundtable discussion with Mr. Abdus Salam Murshedy, the newly appointed President of the Bangladesh Garment Manufacturers and Exporters Association (BGMEA), to discuss the role of the U.S. in promoting labor standards in Bangladesh through trade policy.
- In April, TASC hosted a reception and dinner for Mr. Erastus Mwencha, Deputy Chairperson of the African Union, on Africa's emerging challenges, including public-private partnerships, agricultural development, and regional integration. The event was in collaboration with the African Union Mission to the United States, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, and the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa.
- In April, TASC co-sponsored a town hall style meeting with Rimsom Associates on Sustaining Africa's Development in the Global Economic Crisis. Participants evaluated international responses and brainstormed methods to enhance strategic alliances to boost human capacity, trade, and exports.
- In February, TASC convened a policy roundtable on Capitol Hill with Congressmen Crowley, McDermott, Payne, Smith, and Brady to discuss ways to further integrate trade strategy and foreign assistance. This dialogue was a collaboration by Alliance to End Hunger, Bread for the World Institute, Center for Global Development, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, InterAction, ONE Campaign, Oxfam America, Partnership to Cut Hunger & Poverty in Africa, The William & Flora Hewlett Foundation, and Women Thrive Worldwide.

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Selina Jackson, UPS, asks the panelists a question

Over 100 participants from a diverse group of organizations and companies contributed to lively and thought provoking discussion throughout the day

climate change and investing in women. Speakers included representatives from the Administration and Congress, as well as from business, NGOs and academia. The day closed with a reception featuring Chairman Charles Rangel, Rep. Dennis Moore, and Rep. Debbie Halvorson who articulated the importance of expanded trade

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We are also thankful for our supporting organizations, including The William and Flora Hewlett

Foundation, Women Thrive Worldwide, Bread for the World, Center for American Progress, Oxfam America, Vital Voices Global Partnerships, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Opportunity International, the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa and the Business Council for Global Development.



Tiffany Atwell, Abbott with Elise Fisher, Women Thrive Worldwide



Shabbir Ahmed, US-Bangladesh Advisory Council; Ed Gresser, Democratic Leadership Council; and Angela Hofmann, Wal-Mart Stores, Inc



Rep. Adam Smith; Claude Fontheim, Chairman of GlobalWorks Foundation; and Doug Wilson, Howard Gilman Foundation



Jane Nelson, Harvard University, converses with Rep. Brian Baird



Claude Fontheim; Rep. Joseph Crowley; Katrin Kuhlmann, President of TASC



Tim Reif, Office of the US Trade Representative; with Rudy DeLeon, Center for American Progress

GlobalWorks Foundation is 501(c)3 nonprofit organization established to improve the lives of people in poor communities around the world. GlobalWorks seeds promising antipoverty initiatives on the ground, and, through its Trade, Aid and Security Coalition (TASC), builds innovative partnerships and educates opinion leaders on practical new solutions in order to alleviate global poverty.

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