PLENARIES

ALEXIS BONNELL,
Director, Office of Engagement and Communications, U.S. Global Development Lab, USAID

Alexis Bonnell is the director of the Office of Engagement and Communications in the U.S. Global Development Lab. Over her career, Bonnell has developed and delivered over a billion dollars of humanitarian and development programming in over 25 conflict, post-conflict and emergency countries, in almost every sector from education to stabilization, for more than 30 international bilateral donors, 18 U.N. agencies, the military and the private sector. She has held positions with every side of development including: implementers, donors, policy makers and beneficiaries. With more than 20 years of experience in management and communications, Bonnell has worked with “Wall Street and ‘dot.coms,’” and on projects such as the Middle East Peace Plan, Afghan and Iraq elections, tsunami response, Pakistan and Haiti earthquakes, over 500 construction projects, and major logistics operations. After years of working overseas, Bonnell returned to the United States with USAID as the senior advisor on business transformation and knowledge management. She then served as the chief of engagement for the Office of Education, where she helped shape the USAID education strategy.

TAMARA ARSENAULT,
Program Innovation Manager, Global Communities

Tamara Arsenault has more than twenty years of international development experience, with particular expertise in municipal management, housing and urban development, program design and monitoring and evaluation. As Program Innovation Manager at Global Communities, she facilitates the replication and dissemination of innovations that create higher impact for partner communities in more than 20 countries. Ms. Arsenault organizes cross-sectoral teams that transfer innovations between countries and brings in new ideas and expertise to help local government, business and citizens work together to tackle challenging issues like climate change, poverty, water and sanitation and improved service delivery. She organizes cross-sectoral teams that transfer innovations between countries and brings in new ideas and expertise to help local government, business and citizens work together to tackle challenging issues like climate change, poverty, water and sanitation and improved service delivery. She organizes cross-sectoral teams that transfer innovations between countries and brings in new ideas and expertise to help local government, business and citizens work together to tackle challenging issues like climate change, poverty, water and sanitation and improved service delivery.

FAUSTINE WABWIRE,
Senior Foreign Assistance Policy Analyst, Bread for the World

Faustine Wabwire is Bread for the World Institute’s Senior Foreign Assistance Policy Analyst, based in Washington, DC. Bread for the World Institute provides policy analysis on hunger and strategies to end it. The Institute educates opinion leaders, U.S. policy makers, and the public about hunger in the United States and abroad. Ms. Wabwire provides policy leadership on global poverty, hunger, climate change, trade, and the role of effective U.S. and multilateral assistance in providing solutions. She recently worked with Institute staff on the 2015 Hunger Report, which explores why women’s empowerment is essential to ending global hunger and proposed practical and achievable policy changes to improve women’s economic, political, and social status. Ms. Wabwire recently served on the Reading Committee for President Obama’s Young African Leaders Initiative (“The Mandela Washington Fellowship for Young African Leaders”), a program that brings 500 dynamic young Africa leaders to the U.S. for leadership training and mentoring. She is also a member of several U.S. government taskforces on global development. Ms. Wabwire has published extensively on issues including food security, gender, agriculture, and climate change.
FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH, 2015

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST | 9:00-9:30AM

OPENING REMARKS | 9:30-9:45AM

Dr. Klara Bilgin, Dean, VIU School of Public and International Affairs (SPIA)

PLENARY SESSION I | 9:45-10:15AM

Alexis Bonnell, Director, Office of Engagement and Communications, U.S. Global Development Lab USAID

PANEL I: INDUSTRY AND ENERGY | 10:15AM-12:00PM

Michael Cain, Professor of Political Science, St. Mary's College of Maryland and Senior Energy Manager, Engility
Energy Access and Energy Affordability: How to Mitigate Energy Poverty in Developing Countries

Mariana Neisuler, Senior South Asia Energy Officer, U.S. Department of State
Energy Diplomacy and Energy Challenges in South Asia

Keunwon Song, George Mason University
Cluster-Based Industrial Development in Kaluga, Russia

Renata Ribeiro, Institute of Social and Political Studies, Rio de Janeiro State University
Brazilian International Cooperation on Biofuels in Lula’s Government

LUNCH | 12:00PM

PLENARY SESSION II | 12:30-1:30PM

Faustine Wabwire, Senior Foreign Assistance Policy Analyst, Bread for the World

Tamara Arsenault, Program Innovation Specialist, Global Communities

PANEL II: CONFLICT AND DEVELOPMENT | 1:30-3:00PM

Arthur Gibb, Permanent Military Professor, Chair, Department of Leader Development and Research, United States Naval Academy
The Role of the Military in Development: The Challenges of Alignment, Harmonization and Coordination

Justin Leach, Assistant Professor, Troy University
Development in a Time of War: South Sudan’s Renewed Conflict and Its Toll Upon Development Projects for the Region

Ernest Ogbozor, George Mason University
The Impact of Violent Extremism on Livelihoods in Northeast Nigeria

Tahir Bushra, University of Manitoba
The Responsibility to Protect Doctrine in Libya

PANEL III: 21ST CENTURY CHALLENGES: FOOD, HEALTH, AND TECHNOLOGY | 3:30-5:00PM*

*This panel will be held in the adjacent meeting room.

Stephen Magu, Assistant Professor of Politics and International Relations, Hampton University
Selective Modernity: New Technologies and Persistent Cultural Attitudes in Developing Societies

Joshua B. Forrest, Associate Professor of Political Science, La Roche College
Rural Development and Food Security in the 21st Century

Taheerah Saheb, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
The Collision of Security Challenges at National, Regional and International Scales, Environmental Public Health Governance

and the Development of the CNG Industry in the Global South

Emmanuel Munishi, Lecturer in Development Studies, Quality Assurance and Control Manager, College of Business Education of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania
Urbanisation, informal sector activities and resilience implications among the Maasai nomadic pastoralists in Dar es Salaam Tanzania

RECEPTION | 5:00PM-6:30PM

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SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST, 2015

REGISTRATION & BREAKFAST | 9:00-9:30AM

PANEL IV: REGIONAL INTEGRATION AND THE EFFECT OF DIASPORAS | 9:30AM-11:00AM

Malaika Walton, Senior Officer, Programs & Partnerships US, Cuso International
Engaging Diasporas in Development

Robert Chalwell, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Broward College
‘Big Up Yourself My Yute!’ Investigating the Impacts of Youth Majority Populations on Politics and Policy in the Anglophone Windward Islands of the Caribbean

Sally Mahmoud Ashour, Assistant to the Minister for Ministry of Social Solidarity (MOSS), Egypt
International NGOs and Millennium Developmental Goals Implementation: Conceptualizing NGO Characteristics in the Middle East Context

David Owen, Assistant Professor, Department of Government and Political Affairs, Millersville University of Pennsylvania
Measuring Political Interest in Authoritarian States: The Cases of China and Vietnam

PANEL V: DEVELOPMENT IN CONTEXT | 11:00AM-1:00PM

Dereje Tessema, Adjunct Professor, School of Business, Virginia International University
The Role of Intelligences (IQ/EQ/SQ) for Organizational Development

Kwaku Nuamah, Adjunct Professor, School of Public and International Affairs, Virginia International University
Conflict Prevention Norms and the Search for Sustainable Peace in Africa: a Comparative Analysis of the Invocations of Africa’s Anti-coup Norms in Mali and Burkina Faso

Randolph Adams, Adjunct Professor, School of Public and International Affairs, Virginia International University
Country Ownership: A Review of International Donors Perspectives on Capacity Development

Charles Habis, Senior Manager, International Trade and Development
Moving Toward Human Rights for Deaf Women and Girls (video presentation)

Optional sightseeing in Washington, DC

SHUTTLE TO METRO | 1:00PM

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