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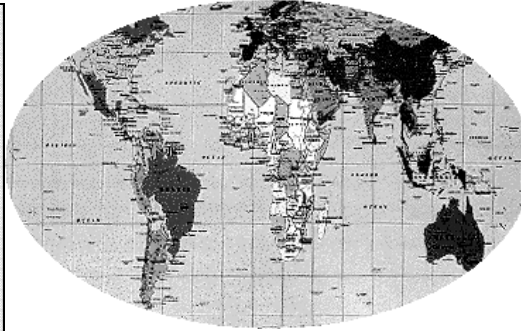
Newsletter of the International Development Program

February 1, 2010

IDPSA Friday Forum

The next Friday Forum will be held
this Friday, February 5th.

Watch the ListServ for more information
www.idpsa.org



Website of Interest

<http://www.worldchanging.com/>

Check out this environmentally
oriented blog, based out of
Seattle, Washington.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Professor Deborah Bräutigam's Book Launch: "The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa": Tuesday, February 2nd, 4 PM to 6 PM, Center for Strategic and International Studies, 1800 K St NW, B-1 Conference Center

Is China a rogue donor? Media reports about huge aid packages, support for pariah regimes, regiments of Chinese labor, and the ruthless exploitation of workers and natural resources in some of the poorest countries in the world have sparked fierce debates. China's tradition of secrecy fuels rumors and speculation, making it difficult to gauge the risks and opportunities in China's growing embrace. This well-timed new book, by one of the world's leading experts, tackles the myths and the sometimes surprising realities. It explains *what* the Chinese are doing, *how* they do it, and *why* this engagement has a chance of working better for Africa's development than decades of efforts from the West.

The Africa Program and the Freeman Chair in China Studies at CSIS invite you to a book launch for *The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa*, by Dr. Deborah Bräutigam, Professor, International Development Program, American University. Commentary will be given by Dr. Ernest Aryeetey, Senior Fellow and Director, Africa Growth Initiative, Brookings Institution. The event will be moderated by Ms. Bonnie S. Glaser, Senior Fellow, CSIS Freeman Chair in China Studies. To RSVP, please contact Savina Rupani at srupani@csis.org or (202) 457-8719. Books will be available for purchase and snacks and beverages will be served.

Deborah Bräutigam is the author of *Chinese Aid and African Development* (1998), *Aid Dependence and Governance* (2000), and coeditor of *Taxation and State-Building in Developing Countries* (2008). A long-time observer of Asia and Africa, she has lived in China, Southeast Asia, West Africa and Southern Africa, and traveled extensively across both regions as a Fulbright researcher and consultant for the World Bank, the UN, and other development agencies. Her most recent book, *The Dragon's Gift: The Real Story of China in Africa*, was published by Oxford University Press in December 2009.

Congressional Briefing: "Aid Effectiveness: A Case Study of Namibia's Community Based Conservation Program":

Thursday, February 4, 2 PM, Cannon House Office Building, Room 121, Independence Avenue and First Street SE

Join us for a Congressional Briefing with the International Conservation Caucus Foundation Advisory Council Member World Wildlife Fund to discuss the continued success of USAID-funded Namibia Community-Based Natural Resource Management Program. Highlighting measurable development, income and resource outcomes, John Kasaona and Patricia Skyer will focus on best practices and local capacity building, as well as lessons in donor coordination and the potential for scalable success of the Namibia Program. As a platform for development cooperation, the Namibia programs also demonstrates the opportunity for the Millennium Challenge Corporation to build on the progress of USAID investment through a synergy of business interest and conservation. John Kasaona works with Integrated Rural Development and Nature Conservation (IRDNC) a Namibian Partner of the World Wildlife Fund. Patricia Skyer is WWF Namibia and Team Leader for Conservation Partnerships for Sustainability in Southern Africa (COPASSA) Please RSVP to HQ@iccfoundation.us or call 202.471.4222.

IDPSA Friday Forum Speed Networking: Friday, February 5th, 5 PM to 6:30 PM

Mary Graydon Center, Room 203, American University, 4400 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20016

Join the International Development Program Student Association for a speed networking event with IDP alumni as part of the SIS Careers Week. More details will be available soon on the IDPSA website: <http://www.idpsa.org/idpsa/blog>.

Job/Internship Opportunities

More event information is available on the IDPSA List Serve

All ID Master's Students should subscribe to the IDPSA and ID Program listserv. Please email idsis@american.edu with your full name and email address to subscribe.

JOB

Economic Growth New Business Specialist

Description: ARD, Inc. (www.ardinc.com) a Tetra Tech company has an immediate opening for a Staff Associate in our Economic Growth sector to support its expanding work reducing poverty through enhanced competitiveness of the private sector. This is an ideal position for a self-motivated individual with about 1 to 3 years of professional international experience who is interested in developing and pursuing a career in international technical assistance consulting. This position will be based in our Arlington, VA.

Responsibilities: Providing technical assistance either for short-term international assignments or in a home office advisory capacity. Assisting in all aspects of proposal preparation, including recruiting, drafting of sections and teaming. Participating with firm's general marketing activities and new business development. Works with Proposal Specialists on USAID proposals. Tracks and manages WB and other donor opportunities (tracking, EOIs, database/ websites, etc.). Assists in non-ARD Tetra Tech proposal support.

Qualifications: Graduate degree in economics, finance, international development, agriculture, engineering or a related field. Preferred areas of expertise include SME development, competitiveness, finance, commercial law, PPP. Prior experience in technical assistance programming to promote economic growth in developing and transitioning countries. Strong knowledge of international donor projects and/or USAID funded projects highly desired. Excellent writing skills are essential. Must be an energetic and driven self-starter. Must have strong cross-cultural relations and interpersonal communication skills. Availability for 30-40% international travel. Proficiency in MS Office applications. Speaking and reading proficiency in a foreign language, French, Arabic or Spanish highly preferred. U.S. citizenship or a valid U.S. work permit is mandatory.

To Apply: Please email a letter of application along with a current curriculum vitae (CV) in reverse chronological format to homeofficejobs@ardinc.com. Please refer to EG New Business Specialist in the subject line. Applicants must complete the U.S. Department of Labor's Employment Opportunity form (available at: <http://www.ardinc.com/careers/eeform.php>) using Job Code: EG New Business Specialist. No phone calls will be accepted.

INTERNSHIP

National Security Archive Internship – Spring 2010

Description: The National Security Archive is offering an internship for the 2010 spring semester, lasting from January until May 2010, to contribute to the Mexico and Guatemala Documentation and Human Rights Projects.

Responsibilities: Sending Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests and appeals to U.S. agencies, as well as assisting in the publication of electronic briefing books with formerly-secret documents on U.S. foreign policy towards Mexico, Guatemala and other Latin American countries. Researching current policy issues such as U.S. counter-narcotics funding in Mexico and Central America, human rights abuses committed by security forces as a result of the counter-drug efforts, and U.S.-Mexico border and immigration issues. Contributing to the Guatemala Evidence Project; an international initiative aimed at supporting legal action in Guatemalan human rights cases currently underway. Researching primary source documents to support the Guatemala Genocide Case, currently in hearings in Madrid, Spain. This will include reviewing U.S. and Guatemalan government records for evidentiary information in support of the international efforts to prosecute eight former military and police officials charged with crimes against humanity. Producing updates on news related to transparency in Latin America for the freedominfo.org Web site.

Qualifications: The internship requires a minimum of 10 hours/week, and will last until the end of the spring semester, with an option to continue during the summer. The candidate must be interested in U.S. foreign policy towards Latin America, transparency, open government and human rights. Spanish proficiency in reading and writing is strongly preferred. Internships are unpaid, but academic credit or independent funding for work at the Archive is sometimes possible. Students should contact the appropriate persons at their school if they wish to pursue either of these options.

To Apply: Please send a resume with academic background and work experience, along with a short letter of interest to Jesse Franzblau at: jblau@gwu.edu. One or two recommendations are optional, but helpful. Applications are accepted from students at any point in their college career, as well as from graduate students and recent college graduates. For more information on the Archive's Mexico and Guatemala Project Web pages at: <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/index.html>