

Citizen Exchanges 2007 Calendar of Events

December

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Four scholars from the University of Louisville's Democracy Institute, collaborating with the Carter Center in Atlanta, will travel to Beijing to conduct a methodological workshop on conflict resolution. This event will lead in the coming months to four similar workshops in provinces conducted by "graduates" of the Beijing sessions.

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Ten young Russian, Ukrainian and Georgian FLEX alumni will arrive in Washington, DC as the third class of Legislative Education and Practice (LEAP) program fellows. After an intensive course in the U.S. political system, the fellows will spend six months in internships with state legislatures across the country.

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As part of the Global Cultural Initiative, a collection of AFI Project 20/20 films will be screened in Indonesia at the Jakarta International Film Festival. Two new AFI Project 20/20 filmmakers are expected to attend to introduce their films and conduct workshops.

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The Weill Music Institute, Carnegie Hall's education department, will present a distance learning event that will connect high school students and musicians in New York City with their counterparts in Turkey through videoconferencing technology. This distance-learning event is part a program called Global Encounters.

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Fourteen educators, school principals, education policymakers, and university lecturers from Ireland and Northern Ireland will begin a program to examine how leaders in U.S. education have sought to accommodate and embrace diversity relating to ethnicity, language, religion, race, sexual orientation, disability, economic status, and immigration status. The program will be based in Boston, MA and Nashville, TN.

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Eight journalism educators from Oklahoma State University will travel to Mali to hold workshops on journalism standards and practice.

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Eighteen high school students and three teachers from Kenya will participate in a project exploring civic education, community service, and leadership through training activities in Denver, Colorado and Washington, DC.

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Two Jordanian theatre specialists from The National Center for Culture & Performing Arts of King Hussein Foundation will visit Chicago as part of a playwriting project entitled, "Global Voices." The two theatre specialists from Jordan will work with inner-city schools, students, and cultural organizations involved in the project.

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As part of the Global Cultural Initiative, a collection of AFI Project 20/20 films will be screened in Malaysia at the Kuala Lumpur International Film Festival. AFI Festival Director Christian Gaines is expected to attend the festival and introduce AFI 20/20 films and filmmakers.

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Landmarks of New York, a traveling exhibition of 81 black and white photos with accompanying text panels illustrating the importance of cultural and architectural preservation, will be presented in Thessaloniki, Greece at the Thessaloniki Museum of Photography.

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Eighteen high school students and three teachers from Rwanda will participate in a project exploring civic education, community service, and leadership through training activities in Washington, DC, and Huntsville, Alabama.

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Eight U.S. participants will travel to Spain to continue an on-going program on issues surrounding the integration of minority communities, including Muslim minorities, in Spain and the U.S. Participants include representatives from NGOs involved with minority communities, local government officials, religious leaders, and other community

stakeholders. The group will mainly be in the Cordoba region in the south and will work with counterparts dealing with minority/immigrant integration.

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As part of the Global Cultural Initiative, a collection of films will be screened in Beijing at a special film festival sponsored by the U.S. Embassy in cooperation with Chinese film associations and universities.

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The University of Arkansas-Little Rock will host six Chinese female volleyball coaches as part of a sports exchange program.

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As part of the Global Cultural Initiative, six young musicians from the Palestinian Territories and Morocco will perform at the Millennium Stage at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

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"America Through the Documentary Lens," an overview of classic and contemporary American documentaries will be presented in Cairo and Alexandria Egypt. It will be presented through the AFI: SILVERDOCS program.

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Seven Young Political Leaders from the Palestinian Territories will visit the U.S. The delegation will begin a program in D.C. and visit several other states. The delegates (25-40 years old) will engage in a candid dialogue with senior government officials, industry executives, and community leaders on a wide range of political, cultural, and economic issues.

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A seminar for Chilean American Fellows will be held at the American Academy of Science and Technology in Santiago. Eight Chilean Fellows and two U.S. Fellows will attend as well as key representatives of the government and the private sector.

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Performing Arts Initiative: As part of Embassy Bangkok's celebration for King Bhumibhol Adulyadej's 80th Birthday, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, a New Orleans jazz band, will present a program of two public performances (one in Bangkok and one in

Chiang Mai) and one private performance for the King at the Chitralada Palace in Bangkok.

July

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American Public Diplomacy Envoy Michelle Kwan will travel to Russia as part of the celebration of the US - Russia Bicentennial.

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Eight university students selected by the Korean National Assembly will meet their U.S. counterparts for an initial week in Washington, receive briefings on the U.S. political system and U.S.-Korean relations, and observe the operations of a congressional office. They will then travel to New York, NY, Highland Park, IL, and Seattle, WA. The exchange will conclude in Seoul, where the Korean students will have the opportunity to re-join their U.S. counterparts for about a day and a half.

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Sister Cities International will host its Annual Conference in Fort Lauderdale, FL. The conference theme is "A Time for Growth and Opportunity."

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American Business Fellow Jaime Eduardo Velasquez Flautero of Bogota, Colombia, will participate in a fellowship at the Association for Enterprise Opportunity (AEO) in Arlington, VA. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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American Business Fellow Maime Morinvil Port au Prince, Haiti, will participate in a fellowship at the Maritime Administration at the Department of Transportation in Washington, D.C. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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American Business Fellow Julio Eduardo Orozco Perez of Guatemala City, Guatemala, will participate in a fellowship at the Northern California World Trade Center in Sacramento, CA. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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30 Civics Education teachers and other professionals from the Palestinian Authority, Israel and Jordan will attend workshops on civic education curriculum development at Hamline University in Minnesota.

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A delegation of 5 high-ranking Turkish Ministry of Interior and Ministry of Justice officials will travel to California for a study tour in continuation of their project on police oversight and alternate dispute resolution.

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University of Pittsburgh: A group of five Albanians (1 academic and 4 law enforcement professionals) will participate in the second academy on building capacity for community collaboration. Participants will meet with community groups and law enforcement professionals who have participated in multi-stakeholder community initiatives in Pittsburgh.

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American Business Fellow Jaime Francisco Castillo Rodriguez of Puebla, Mexico, will participate in a fellowship at the IngenuitE (small software development firm) in Oklahoma City, OK. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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Ten women from the Tanzanian Association of Women Entrepreneurs will come to Chicago for a program in entrepreneurship training managed by Heartland International.

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Ohio University will host 18 Indonesian television journalists in a project to raise the professional quality of media coverage on issues of cultural diversity and ethnic conflict. Reporters will identify and discuss causes of social conflict and analyze how news is selected and defined—in mid-July they begin three-week internships at news departments at TV stations in various cities in Ohio and have meetings in Washington beginning August 11.

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A group of 15 Pakistani participants will travel to Plymouth, New Hampshire to take part in a three-week summer institute to enhance the knowledge and skills of secondary school administrators in the area of research design and implementation. The group will be in Washington, DC for meetings on July 23 and July 24.

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Inuit Circumpolar Conference: Emerging Inuit Leaders from Alaska, Canada, and Greenland will gather in Kotzebue, Alaska for a two-day workshop. The workshops will aim at building leadership skills and a set of tools for Jr. High/ High School students and young adults both living in their home communities and studying at an outside university to lead Inuit language revitalization activities.

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Nine Youth IT-Zambia Citizen Exchange Travelers will participate in a two-week workforce development program in the U.S.

June

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American Business Fellow Jose Alejandro Rey Azcarate of Bogota, Colombia, will participate in a fellowship at the Illinois SBDC International Trade Center in Peoria, IL. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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Ten media professionals from Mali will travel to Oklahoma to learn and practice new media techniques.

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A delegation of four American specialists, including three municipal information officers, will travel to mainland China and Taiwan to hold workshops with their professional counterparts. Cities on the two-week itinerary include Beijing, Hangzhou and Taichung. The workshop sessions will provide a comparative examination of e-governance practices; the American delegation will also visit sites and brief government agencies and representatives of stakeholder groups.

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Thirteen high school students from WHA will participate in the 2007 National Youth Science Camp in the hills of Charleston, West Virginia.

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Ten staffers from the U.S. Senate, House and Congressional Research Service (CRS) will travel to Germany as part of the 2007 Congress Bundestag Staff Exchange Program. The participants will meet with counterparts in Berlin for a week, learn about the functions of the Bundestag, and get in-depth exposure to German politics. The Americans then will spend several days with German Bundestag members and staff in local districts learning

about constituency functions. A reciprocal visit of Bundestag staff will travel to the U.S. later in the summer (programmed through the Voluntary Visitors Program).

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American Fellow Julia Devide Nogueira of Brasilia, Brazil, will participate in a fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. This program targets mid- to senior-level government officials from non-foreign affairs agencies who have demonstrated outstanding efforts in their fields. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host agency.

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Four teachers/administrators from the Letebele Marishane School in Limpopo Province of South Africa will come to Massachusetts for workshops and consultations on developing a curriculum on women's rights and preventing domestic violence.

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League of Women Voters delegation travel to eastern Kenya to provide follow-up counseling and workshops for Kenyan women on civil society and governance issues.

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American Business Fellow Fridel Ricardo Pena Nufio of Guatemala City, Guatemala, participate in a fellowship at the Micro Business Development in Denver, CO. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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Ten key Chinese environmental officials and NGO representatives arrive in Washington, D.C. for an intensive orientation and will then be placed in US host institutions for six-week internships in New York, San Francisco, Sacramento, and Chicago. Internships provide the Chinese participants with the knowledge, tools, and skills necessary to develop and implement programs to improve citizen participation and transparency in environmental decision-making in China.

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Fourteen Muslim clerics, scholars of religion, and community leaders from Egypt, Jordan, Syria, and Saudi Arabia will travel to Washington, Chicago, Indianapolis, and Louisville to engage in inter-religious dialogue with religious leaders and laypersons under the rubric "Religion and Society: A Dialogue."

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Nine medical professionals from Kosovo and Macedonia participate in a program designed to improve health care delivery through telemedicine and leadership training in the Balkans. The participants will travel to Alaska and Arizona to attend workshops on

how telemedicine is practiced in the U.S., visit hospitals and take part in hands-on training of new technology.

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An U.S.-based training program is being coordinated for 12 participants from the Cordoba region in southern Spain on issues surrounding the integration of minority communities in Spain and the U.S. Participants include representatives from NGOs involved with minority communities, local government officials, religious leaders, and other community stakeholders. The group will be in Boston, Chicago, and Washington, D.C. Participants will meet with counterparts dealing with minority integration efforts in and will work on issues surrounding government policies, access to education, employment opportunities, etc. This is the first phase of this two-year project. A U.S. delegation will travel to Spain later this year.

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A delegation of five Parliamentarians from Uganda participate in a two-week study tour organized by the International Republican Institute (IRI). The program focuses on formulating disabilities policies. Activities take place in Washington, D.C. and St. Paul, MN.

May

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American Fellow Fernando Morta of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, will participate in a fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, Georgia. This program targets mid- to senior-level government officials from non-foreign affairs agencies who have demonstrated outstanding efforts in their fields. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host agency.

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American Business Fellow Aide Josefina Ortiz Boza Mexico City, Mexico, will participate in a fellowship at Meridian Technology Center for Business Development in Stillwater, Oklahoma. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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Three trade union representatives from Brazil, South Africa, and South Korea will participate in a one week "Multi-Regional Auto Industry Union Exchange Program." The group will travel to Detroit and Dearborn, Michigan.

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American Business Fellow Svetlana Samayoa Zelaya of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, will participate in a fellowship at EcoLogic Finance, Inc. in Cambridge, MA. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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American Business Fellow Efrain Somoza Alvarenga of San Salvador, El Salvador, will participate in a fellowship at Gershman, Brickner and Bratton, Inc. in Fairfax, VA. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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A group of 30 indigenous and Afro-Peruvian entrepreneurs will participate in a second series of trainings/workshops focusing on entrepreneurial and leadership skills, business administration and management, economic growth and corporate responsibility.

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Heartland International, in partnership with the Center for Civic Education/Indonesia, will bring two groups of 15 administrators and community leaders: (Group 1, May 5-26, 2007 and Group 2, October 20-November 10, 2007) to strengthen private and community-based secondary education in Indonesia. The itinerary for both groups includes Chicago, Memphis, various venues in Mississippi, Atlanta, and Washington, DC. The topics range from ethnic diversity to free market economy to volunteerism and civil rights.

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A team of staffers from the National Democratic Institute (NDI) will conduct an assessment for a possible study tour for members of parliament from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

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American Business Fellow Andrea Del Granado Mena of LaPaz, Bolivia, will participate in a fellowship at the Small Enterprise Education and Promotion (SEEP) Network in Washington, D.C. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

April

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A five-day workshop for Peruvian media professionals will be held in Lima, Peru. This workshop is the first phase in a three phase program.

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American Business Fellow Sara Cristina Basilacos Cornejo of Santiago, Chile, will participate in a fellowship at the Fairfax Innovation Center in Fairfax, VA. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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Six Brazilian women will travel to Washington, D.C. to participate in workshops on leadership skills and networking as part of an exchange between Afro-Brazilian female entrepreneurs and small business owners.

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Virginia Polytecnic will send the following people to Kenya to conduct a series of workshops for a grant on good governance: David Hicks, A specialist on Democracy and Governance, Andrew Morikawa, A specialist community development and local government and volunteerism, Patricia Kelly, Project evaluator and coordinator for the Phase II of the project when participants are in the United States, and Josiah Tlou, an Africanist and Historian who has experience in civic education and civitas concepts.

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Three U.S. trade union representatives from the United Auto Workers (UAW) will travel to Thailand to participate in a one week study tour.

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WorldLearning, with in-country partner the Nepali Press Institute will bring a group of 12 journalists from Nepal to Washington DC for a week of briefings on the role of the media. The group will then travel to Missouri for a week of seminars at the University of Missouri - Columbia School of Journalism. The group will then separate and spend a week in Cleveland, Jacksonville, and Pittsburgh at local media outlets for internships. The group will come back through Washington, DC for a final briefing before returning to Nepal.

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American Fellow Felipe Marino Isaza of Colombia will participate in a fellowship at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta, GA. This program targets mid- to senior-level government officials from non-foreign affairs agencies who have demonstrated outstanding efforts in their fields. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host agency.

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American Fellow Marie Lourdes Maura of Christ Roi, Haiti, will participate in a fellowship at the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection in Trenton, NJ. This program targets mid- to senior-level government officials from non-foreign affairs agencies who have demonstrated outstanding efforts in their fields. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host agency.

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American Business Fellow Rodrigo de Araujo Almeida of Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, will participate in a fellowship at the Nebraska Department of Economic Development in Lincoln, NE. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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American Business Fellow Luiz Henrique Moreira-Guedes of Rio Grande do Norte, Brazil, will participate in a fellowship at the Nebraska Department of Economic Development in Lincoln, NE. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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American Business Fellow Rebecca Macedo Alverni de Abreu of Belo Horizonte, Brazil, will participate in a fellowship at the Nebraska Department of Economic Development in Lincoln, NE. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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American Business Fellow Mateus De Oliveira of Belo Horizonte, Brazil, will participate in a fellowship at the Nebraska Department of Economic Development in Lincoln, NE. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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American Business Fellow Claudia Pompa Schaerer of Asuncion, Paraguay, will participate in a fellowship at the Washburn University Small Business Development Center in Topeka, Kansas. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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An in-country program is being held in Hamburg and Berlin, Germany on marginalized communities in Germany. It is being coordinated by CDS International and the German Korber Foundation. The program will involve 38 U.S. participants from the greater New York City region. Participants include representatives from NGOs involved with minority communities, local government officials, religious leaders, and other community stakeholders from New York. In Germany, the U.S. participants will meet with counterparts dealing with minority integration efforts in Germany. The team will work on issues surrounding government policies, access to education, employment opportunities, etc. The selection of German participants for a New York-based program to occur in summer 2007 will also commence.

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The Irish Institute at Boston College is holding a two-day alumni reunion and conference in Dublin, Ireland. Over 100 alumni from the various ECA-sponsored programs that Boston College has coordinated over the last several years are expect to attend. Workshop topics include community policing, American politics, the current situation in Northern Ireland, and others. A large contingent of past U.S. presenters and participants are traveling to Dublin to attend. The US Ambassador to Ireland, Thomas Foley, will attend and speak to the conference on the evening of the 14th. Maryland Governor Martin O'Malley is also scheduled to attend.

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Washington University School of Law will bring a group of lawyers, educators, and NGO leaders from Nepal to St. Louis, and Washington DC for a program on alternate dispute resolution. During the first two weeks in St. Louis, the group participates in training at Washington University, attending and presenting at the International Ombudsman Association annual conference, attending a 1/2 day training presented by United States Arbitration and Mediation -Midwest, and a 10-hour victim offender dialogue (Restorative Justice) training. In the final week in Washington, D.C., the group participates in the American Bar Association's Annual Alternative Dispute Resolution Conference and Representation in Mediation Student Competition, as well as meeting with State Department officials.

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A group of 30 indigenous and Afro-Peruvian entrepreneurs will participate in a series of trainings/workshops focusing on entrepreneurial and leadership skills, business administration and management, economic growth and corporate responsibility.

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Fourteen Muslim clerics and scholars of religion from Indonesia will travel to Washington, Philadelphia, Bloomington and Plainfield, Indiana, and San Francisco under the rubric “Religion and Society: A Dialogue” meeting with American religious leaders and laypeople and engaging in inter-religious dialogue.

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In-country seminar in India, hosted by the in-country partner M.C. Mehta Foundation, on compliance with judicial orders pertaining to environmental law. Location: Dehradun/Hardiwar Ashram.

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Four noted writers from Ireland, Ukraine, Vietnam and Nigeria will participate in the Joiner Fellows program. The fellows will spend three months in the U.S. that includes a two month residency at the University of Massachusetts, Boston as well as a one month study tour of the U.S.

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American Fellow Karla Ramirez of Lima, Peru will participate in a fellowship at the Inter-American Foundation in Arlington, VA. This program targets mid- to senior-level government officials from non-foreign affairs agencies who have demonstrated outstanding efforts in their fields. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host agency.

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American Fellow Ronald Omar Pinto Ribera of La Paz, Bolivia, will participate in a fellowship at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in Chicago, Illinois. This program targets mid- to senior-level government officials from non-foreign affairs agencies who have demonstrated outstanding efforts in their fields. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host agency.

March

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The Institute for Training and Development, in coordination with Embassy Jakarta and Indonesian partner organization Universitas Padjadjaran, will launch its Civil Society and Leadership program for 30 Indonesian secondary school English language teachers with the first group of 15 teachers. Stateside training programs are planned in Amherst, Massachusetts, Tucson, AZ, and New York City.

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Description: A group of seven women entrepreneurs will participate in workshops in Ethiopia under a program hosted by Cleveland International Program, USA. Additional data will be amended to this item as it becomes available.

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A seminar is being held in Lyon, France on marginalized communities in France. Coordinated by Sister Cities International and Cités Unies France. The seminar will involve 75 to 100 participants from the sister cities involved in this project (Charlotte, NC and Limoges; Louisville, KY and Montpellier; St. Louis, MO and Lyon; and Los Angeles, CA and Bordeaux). Invitees will include NGOs involved with minority communities, local government officials, religious leaders, and other community stakeholders from France and the U.S. Seminar goals include recruitment strategies for program participants (selective recruitment techniques, dealing with French government authorities, dealing with minority misgivings, etc.), and the development of action plans for implementation of the various sister city endeavors.

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Nine journalists from Ethiopia, Uganda, and Kenya will travel to the U.S. in the fourth of a five-phase program focused on promoting transparency in government through journalism. The delegation visits ECA on the morning of April 11.

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Three project leaders from Michigan State University (Dr. Robert Glew, Dr. Anne Ferguson, Ms. Ann Allegra) will travel to Nigeria to assist their partner, the University of Jos, in interviewing candidates for the U.S.-based part of their governance program that will take place in June. They will also fine tune plans for the June program and for the third phase in August.

24 The Massachusetts Judges Conference and the McCormack Graduate School of U Mass Boston will bring 7 judges from the High People's Court of Yunnan Province in Kunming, PRC to participate in a series of comparative law moot court exercises. Also in attendance will be several representatives of Northwest University of Political Science and Law in Xian, Southwest University of Political Science and Law in Chongqing, and Sichuan University in Chengdu that have collaborated on the Mock Trial Project.

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Six U.S. trade union representatives will travel to Jordan and Bahrain to participate in a five-day study tour.

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Two Oklahoma businessmen, both former state political leaders, kick off the "US-Vietnam Responsible Government Exchange Program" with a series of workshops on business ethics and public-private sector communication in Ho Chi Minh City, Da Nang, and Hanoi.

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Four U.S. women small business entrepreneurs will travel to Sao Paulo, Brazil, to conduct workshops on leadership skills and networking as part of an exchange between Afro-Brazilian female entrepreneurs and small business owners.

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Ten Kenyan women will come to the U.S. to study women's leadership and community decision-making under the auspices of the League of Women Voters. They will spend one week in Washington DC and then half of the delegation will go to Tucson, Arizona, for a week while the other half spends that time in Wichita, Kansas, each group hosted by the local LWV chapter.

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A delegation of two Parliamentarians from the Ukraine will participate in a 10-day study tour organized by the National Democratic Institute (NDI). Program activities will take place in Washington, D.C.

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A delegation of water issues experts are scheduled to visit the U.S. under a grant to the University of Texas at El Paso. The delegation includes Israeli Delegate Michal Sagive, Israeli Good Water Neighbors Program Coordinator, Friends of the Earth – Middle East (FoEME) Jordanian Delegates Munqeth Rashad Tawfiq Mehyar Chairman and Jordanian Director, Eco-Peace / Friends of the Earth - Middle East (FoEME) and Mahmoud Ahmad Ahmad Abujaber, Mayor, Mua'z Bin Jabal Municipality and Palestinian Delegate, Eng. Nader al-Khateeb, Palestinian Director, Friends of the Earth – Middle East (FoEME), General Director, Water and Environmental Development Organization (WEDO).

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American Business Fellow Ana Lucia Arango Espigares of Guatemala City, Guatemala, will participate in a fellowship at the Life Science Research Office (Regulatory Affairs Advisory Firm) in Bethesda, Maryland. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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Oklahoma State University will send an 8-person delegation of journalism educators to Mali to conduct workshops on media standards and practices and to recruit about 16 Malians who will come to the U.S. in June-July to study journalism practice here.

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Ohio University will open a project to raise the professional quality of media coverage on issues of cultural diversity and ethnic conflict with 18 working television journalists at a workshop in Jakarta. Reporters will identify and discuss causes of social conflict and analyze how news is selected and defined. In July the group will be at Ohio University

and then begin three-week internships at news departments at TV stations in various cities in Ohio.

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Five civics education experts including Gayona Beckford-Barclay, John Davies, Tracey Manning, Michael L. Sanow and Talaat E. Shehata travel to Egypt to present an end of grant workshop at Suez Canal University.

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In-country seminar in Pakistan, hosted by the in-country partner SCOPE, on compliance with judicial orders pertaining to environmental law. Location: Dr. Parvez Hassaen Environmental Law Center, Lahore.

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American Fellow Carlos Alberto Bohorquez Guitierrez of Medellin, Colombia, will participate in a fellowship at the Governor's Office of Emergency Services in Mather, California. This program targets mid- to senior-level government officials from non-foreign affairs agencies who have demonstrated outstanding efforts in their fields. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host agency.

February

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Forty Middle Eastern and South Asian government representatives and specialists in law, law enforcement, archaeology, and museum science from eight countries will participate in a six-day workshop on professional methodologies to foster regional cooperation in solving problems of archaeological theft and looting.

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Second Phase of "Islam: Scholarship and Practice," with ten clerics and scholars of religion from Egypt (2), Jordan (3), and Syria (5) engaging in site visits, meetings, and discussions in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Boston.

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Anthony Bloome, Project Manager and Mike Noll, President Altadena-Rotary and Stephen Settimi, ICT Knowledge Advisor, USAID-D.C., Africa Health Bureau travel to Zambia to continue the recruitment of participants for the HIV/AIDS Work Pilot program.

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Two U.S. trade union representatives will travel to Jordan and the Palestinian Territories to participate in a five-day study tour.

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Representatives of Institute for Training and Development (ITD) travel to Ecuador and Guatemala to conduct follow-up workshops for the Indigenous Cultural Exchange Program.

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A delegation of ten Parliamentarians from Montenegro will participate in a 10-day study tour organized by the National Democratic Institute (NDI). Program activities will take place in Washington, D.C. and Dover, Delaware.

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One judge, two senior advocates, and one law professor will come to the U.S. from India to take part in an ADR program managed by ISDLS.

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Heartland International will send a delegation to Tanzania to work with TAWA-Tanzania Association of Women Entrepreneurs in conducting workshops on entrepreneurship and leadership for Tanzanian women in Mwanza, Dar es Salaam, and other cities.

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Dr. Mamie Parker, Assistant Director of Fisheries and Habitat Conservation at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior will travel to Lesotho as part of the Women's Ministerial Fellows Exchange Program. She will be hosted by Nthabiseng Majara of the Lesotho Ministry of Tourism, Environment, and Culture. Mrs. Majara was hosted by Dr. Parker in Washington, D.C. in October 2006. The two government officials will continue their ongoing mentoring relationship, examine Lesotho's natural conservation efforts, and explore possibilities for further collaboration

January

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American Business Fellow Jorge Silva Lima of Brasilia, Brazil, will participate in a fellowship at the U.S. Council on Competitiveness in Washington, D.C.. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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American Business Fellow Laureano Rojas Tirado of Cochabamba, Bolivia, will participate in a fellowship at Diamond Springs Water in Charlotte, NC. This program targets private sector executives involved in business development. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host organization.

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Three U.S. trade union representatives will travel to India to participate in a one week study tour in Kolkata, West Bengal, New Delhi, India, and Mumbai, India.

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As a follow-up to the June Central American Mayors and Local Exchange Program, representatives from Georgetown University will travel to Tegucigalpa, Honduras, to conduct a two-day workshop to reinforce lessons learned in the U.S.

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As her first trip as an American Public Diplomacy Envoy, Michelle Kwan travels to the Beijing, Guangzhou and Hong Kong in the People's Republic of China for a series of school visits and other professional meetings as.

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This ten-day program will involve 16 educators, human service providers, policy makers, special education professional and advocates for autistic children from Ireland and Northern Ireland. The program will include workshops on special education in the U.S., site visits to schools, and meetings with parents and teachers and representatives from advocacy and lobbying organizations that work with autistic children and their families. The program will take place in Boston and San Diego.

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American Fellow Stephen McCracken of the U.S. will participate in a fellowship at the Ministry of Health in Managua, Nicaragua. This program targets mid- to senior-level government officials from non-foreign affairs agencies who have demonstrated outstanding efforts in their fields. Fellowships can last three months to one year, but fellows must be in actual working positions; the fellowship involves hands-on participation in the day-to-day work of the host agency.

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The University of Virginia will bring 7 Tibetans from different social sectors who have distinguished track records as social entrepreneurs for hands-on participation in a two-week series of Geo-tourism workshops and site visits in Washington, DC, New Mexico, California, and Virginia. Each participant has a record of creative activities and innovative strategies employed to pursue socially progressive goals in Tibetan communities. Some participants stay on afterwards to help with the creating and processing of the grant's Geo-tourism Web portal.

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Five Americans travel to Pattaya and Chiang Mai, Thailand to conduct sports clinics for the wheelchair bound in wheelchair tennis, road racing, basketball and cycling. The two city governments are providing the facilities which will provide great exposure to the non-disabled community at large. The clinics should reach over 500 Thais.

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Six U.S. trainers will travel to Pristina, Kosovo to conduct a series of consultations at the Central Library of the University of Pristina. The team will work with the staff on administrative issues, strategic planning, and circulation enhancement. This is the last stage of a multi-layered bilateral exchange between U.S. and Kosovar library professionals who have worked over two years on enhancements to the University's library system.