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CITIZEN DIPLOMACY



Initiative for Global Citizen Diplomacy

To date, over **3,300** citizens have signed the Letter to the President urging his endorsement of a National Initiative for Global Citizen Diplomacy. Thank you to all who have signed the petition in support of these efforts!

A leadership group of USCCD and coalition members continues to meet to advance this Initiative forward and to gain support of the Obama administration.

For more information on the Initiative or to add your signature to the petition, please visit our [Web site](#).

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Focus on International Service

Organization Spotlight



There are many exemplary organizations in the U.S providing opportunities for American citizens to be engaged in international service - either by traveling abroad or taking part in activities and programs right here at home.

[Partners of the Americas \(POA\)](#) is one such organization. POA grew out of a 1962 call by President John F. Kennedy for citizens of the Western Hemisphere to work together. Inspired by the challenge, POA has grown into a two-way network of volunteer partnerships that enable citizens to contribute to the Americas. POA offers international programs, educational opportunities and exchanges throughout the Caribbean, Central, North and South America.

[Click here to find your local POA chapter.](#)

Visit our website for a [comprehensive list of international service organizations and opportunities](#).

Job Opportunities

Searching for Leaders: The following citizen diplomacy organizations have recently posted job listings on our Web

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[S. Korean Middle Schoolers Learning English, U.S. Ways](#)

[Out of a job? State Dept. is looking for new diplomats](#)

site.

:: Executive Director, [Americans for Informed Democracy](#). For more information, send an email to aidedsearch@gmail.com

Fundraise for your Volunteer Vacation

Although we think of volunteering as free, there are typically costs like travel and living expenses involved with volunteer service away from home. Building Bridges Coalition has put together an article explaining how to successfully raise funds. [Read article](#).

Opportunities for a New School Year

If you would like to consider a study abroad or educational exchange program this year, check with your school now for opportunities and requirements for the upcoming school year and 2010.

Visit our website for a [list of organizations and resources](#).

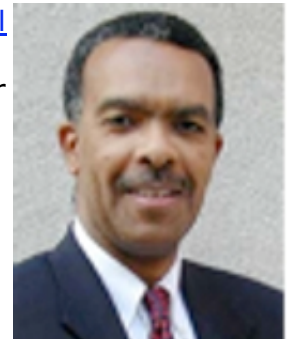
Need to convince your parents? Working World Careers recently wrote an article regarding the benefit that studying and living abroad can have on career preparation. [Read article](#).



Board and Advisory Updates

Congratulations to USCCD [Advisory Council](#) member **Aaron Williams**, who was recently confirmed to serve as the Director of the [Peace Corps](#).

About the nomination, President Obama said, "America was built on a belief that the best progress comes from ordinary citizens working to bring about the change they believe in. Through a lifetime of service, Aaron Williams has embodied the very best of that American ideal."



We heartily agree.

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The Des Moines Register recently published a guest column by [USCCD Board](#) Member, Senator Daryl Beall (IA), highlighting his insights on the importance of citizen diplomacy following a trip to China.

Thank you Daryl for your demonstration of exemplary citizen diplomacy in action and your ongoing commitment to U.S. international relations. [Read the full article here](#).

Quotable Quote

"We need not only the professional diplomats who serve in our foreign services and represent our countries to one another. We need citizen diplomats."

--Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton
India, July 20, 2009

CURRENT LEGISLATION



Call to Action: H.Res 569

Led by Congressman Jim Moran (D-VA) and Congresswoman Sue Myrick (R-NC) the House resolution in support of citizen diplomacy and a national summit currently has **26** cosponsors and bipartisan support. Thank you for all who have sent letters urging support from your representatives!

We still need help to continue moving this initiative forward and gain support of 10 members of the Foreign Affairs Committee. If you haven't already, please send a letter via our page on Change.org, urging the Representative(s) in your state to sign on to H.Res. 569.

[Click here to view the full text of the Resolution and send a letter!](#)

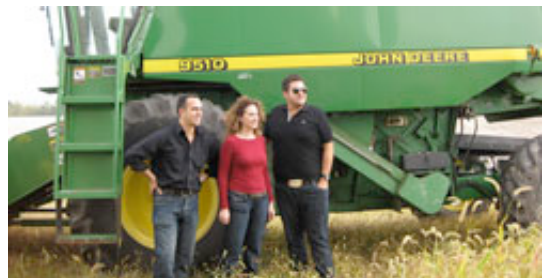
Other Legislative Updates

View additional updates to legislation related to citizen diplomacy programs by visiting our new [Current Legislation](#) page.

Applications Due! 2009 AABF Program

High Potential Young American Executives Encouraged to Apply

This is the last week to submit nominations for the Arab & American Business Fellows (AABF) program - a three week cross cultural and reciprocal exchange program to take place in October 2009.



[Download a summary\(pdf\) of the application process.](#)

"Khrushchev in Iowa" Celebration

August 27-30, 2009

The U.S. Center, based in Des Moines, IA is one of over thirty organizations planning a statewide commemoration events of August 27-30 celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the historic visit of Nikita Khrushchev to citizen diplomat Roswell Garst's Iowa farm.



Participants in the celebration events will include Khrushchev's son, Sergei, Khrushchev's biographer William Taubman, and high-level U.S. and Russian agricultural officials.

The improbable friendship of Comrade Khrushchev and Farmer Roswell Garst showcased the power of agricultural innovation, trade, and citizen diplomacy to reach across ideological differences and help thaw Cold War tensions.

[Find out more here](#)

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