

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

Please Join Us as we Launch the Caucus for Effective Foreign Assistance

Thursday, May 12, 2011
Room 2359, Rayburn House Office Building

Guest Speaker - Dr. Raj Shah, Administrator, USAID

3:00-3:45 PM

**Roundtable Discussion on
“The Importance of Effective Foreign Assistance”**

3:45–5:00 PM

Dear Colleague,

We would like to invite you to join us for the launch of the “Caucus for Effective Foreign Assistance.” The Caucus is an informal group of Members dedicated to examining the way the United States currently delivers foreign assistance, exploring success stories found in the efficient delivery of assistance, furthering the overall effectiveness of foreign assistance and educating other Members on this subject.

Development assistance, coupled with defense and diplomacy, makes up the critical balance of America’s national security. In our increasingly interconnected world, the delivery of foreign assistance must be effective in order to successfully achieve our critical foreign policy objectives. Effective foreign assistance can help develop stable international partners, promote accountability and transparency, access and develop sustainable global markets, reduce poverty, strengthen human security, and increase national security.

Our launch event is the first of a variety of forums to examine these issues and build consensus on the foreign assistance of tomorrow. We are pleased to be joined by U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) Administrator Raj Shah as he discusses some of the reforms taking place at USAID.

Following Dr. Shah's presentation, the caucus will host our first Roundtable Discussion entitled "The Importance of Effective Foreign Assistance." Our panel will feature several high level leaders from the NGO community including:

- Mark Green, Senior Director USGLC, Member of Congress (ret.) and Ambassador
- Ray Offenheiser, President of Oxfam America
- David Beckmann, President, Bread for the World (Co-Chair, Modernizing Foreign Assistance Network)
- Asif Shaikh, President and CEO International Resources Group
- Dr. Jonathan Quick, President and CEO of Management Sciences for Health

To RSVP for this event or to join the Caucus, please contact John Ariale (john.ariale@mail.house.gov) with Rep. Ander Crenshaw at (202) 225-2501 or Katy Quinn (katy.quinn@mail.house.gov) with Rep. Adam Smith at (202) 225-8901.

Sincerely,



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