**USAID's Vision for Ending Extreme Poverty**

**Steve O'Connell**  
USAID  

In three successive State of the Union addresses, President Obama has called on us to end extreme poverty by 2030, and the global community is coalescing around this goal as the marquee of the Post-2015 Development Agenda. As the lead USG development agency in this effort, USAID seeks to increase shared understanding of the nature of extreme poverty, where there has been success, and what role development actors can play in helping to achieve this goal. To this end, USAID is currently developing a Vision for Ending Extreme Poverty that will provide strategic direction for the Agency in addressing this priority. USAID’s Chief Economist, Steve O’Connell, will preview this vision and ask for your feedback in helping to shape the analysis and policy recommendations.

**From Aid to Enterprise: An Approach To Ending Poverty that Works**

**Susan Davis**  
BRAC USA  

Over the last decade, the effort to end extreme poverty by 2030 has gained momentum both in public discourse and in real outcomes. Poverty rates are falling in every region of the world. Yet the “ultra-poor,” those living on less than 60 to 70 cents per day, have been largely unaffected by this progress. Predominantly women, the ultra-poor face chronic food insecurity, malnutrition, gender discrimination and often abuse. In the 1990’s BRAC saw that despite decades of success fighting sickness, illiteracy, and poverty, its programs still weren’t reaching women trapped in this chronic cycle of dire poverty. Susan Davis, President and CEO of BRAC USA, will speak about the lessons and successes of BRAC’s concerted efforts to reach the ultra-poor. Their new “graduation” approach to development interventions may be the key to ensuring that the world’s poorest individuals are given the opportunity to forge a sustainable path out of poverty.

**Ruling Capital: Emerging Markets and The Reregulation of Cross-border Finance**

**Kevin Gallagher**  
SAIS, Boston University  

In his new book, Kevin Gallagher develops a theory of countervailing monetary power that shows how emerging markets can counter domestic and international opposition to the regulation of cross-border finance. Although many countries were able to exert countervailing monetary power in the wake of the crisis, such power was not sufficient to stem the magnitude of unstable financial flows that continue to plague the world economy. Drawing on this theory, Gallagher outlines the significant opportunities and obstacles to regulating cross-border finance in the twenty-first century.

**Emergency Preparedness, Mitigation and Response**

**Dr. Carolyn Woo and Jennifer Poidatz**  
Catholic Relief Services  

Over the last decade the developing world has experienced a range of complex emergencies including the Ebola outbreak in West Africa, refugee crises in the Middle East and natural disasters in Haiti and Southeast Asia. With more than 70 years’ experience delivering humanitarian assistance throughout the world, Catholic Relief Services has a strong background in emergency preparedness and response. Dr. Carolyn Woo will provide an overview of CRS’ mission, agency strategy, and operating model. Her presentation will be followed by CRS’ Humanitarian Response Director, Jennifer Poidatz, who will provide current examples of CRS’ Shelter and Settlement programming that demonstrate the importance of participation from the affected population, flexibility and building on local capacities and coping mechanisms. She will also address ways in which interventions can both reduce the impact of future shocks, as well as contribute to a more timely response in areas at high risk of a disaster event.

**Innovation and Leadership in International Development**

**Kathleen Flanagan**  
Abt Associates  

Practitioners and partners in the field of international development require innovative new solutions to meet emerging challenges. For 50 years, Abt Associates has been at the forefront of efforts to provide groundbreaking evaluations, research, interventions, and efforts to address the changing needs of development work worldwide. President and CEO Kathleen Flanagan will discuss Abt’s approach to leadership and innovation, highlighting some of their key lessons and achievements from the last five decades. She will also look ahead to areas in which new approaches are needed to expand the reach and efficacy of modern development efforts.

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