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THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES

The Department of State has outlined the following specific objectives for the project:

- Examine international economic cooperation in the context of the growth and integration of emerging markets into the world economy;
- Examine links between U.S. and foreign financial systems and commodity markets;
- Review U.S. efforts to strengthen its economy and the international economic system, including stimulating growth and employment; reforming financial institutions; initiatives to assist the recovery of the financial sector domestically and internationally; and
- Explore how the global economy affects local businesses and communities.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

Brazil	Mr. Erivaldo Alfredo GOMES Deputy Secretary for Economic and Financial Institutions and for International Cooperation, International Affairs Secretariat, MFA
Egypt	Ms. Nehal Mohamed Mounir Gamal Mohamed FOUAD Head of Industry Section, Al Borsa (daily newspaper)
Hungary	Mr. Zoltan Tamas SZABO Financial Policy Analyst, Ministry of National Economy
Kazakhstan	Mr. Kassymkhan KAPPAROV Director, Bureau for Economic Research of Kazakhstan
Madagascar	Ms. Lisiniaina RASAON EP RAZAFINDRAKOTO Communication and Business Development Manager, Malagasy Community Network Services SA / GasyNet, SGS Group
New Zealand	Mr. John Stacey BALLINGALL Deputy Director, New Zealand Institute of Economic Research
Venezuela	Ms. Laura Del Carmen JOHN RANGEL President, Venezuelan Association of Paper Pulp Producers

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Brazil

Name: **Mr. Erivaldo Alfredo GOMES**

Present Position: Deputy Secretary for Economic and Financial Institutions and for International Cooperation, International Affairs Secretariat, Ministry of Finance

Previous Positions: General Coordinator of Trade Policies, Secretariat of International Affairs, Ministry of Finance/ 2009 – 2015
General Coordinator of Regional Integration, Secretariat of International Affairs, Ministry of Finance, 2007 – 2009
General Coordinator of Foreign Trade/ Secretariat of International Affairs, Ministry of Finance/ 2005-2007

Education/Training: Specialization course, Public and Economics Policies course, George Washington University, 2008
MBA, International Trade and Exchange Rate, FGV, 2001
MA, International Relations, University of Brasília, 1999
Specialization course, Public Policy and Government Management, ENAP (National School of Public Adm), 1998
BA, International Relations, University of Brasilia, 1994

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Languages: Portuguese (primary), English, Spanish, French

Membership: Brazilian National Association of Specialists in Public Polices and Governmental Management

U. S. Travel: 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011

Other Travel: China, Mexico, France, Switzerland, South American nations

Professional Background: With a background in trade policy and regional integration, Mr. Gomes helps dictate Brazil's economic policy choices by coordinating international dialogue in the Ministry of Finance's Office of International Affairs. His office forges closer economic relationships between Brazil and other countries. As Brazil struggles to pull out of its worst economic recession in over a century, Mr. Gomes hopes to engage on bilateral economic priorities such as macroeconomic policy, trade, and investment.

Egypt

Name: **Ms. Nehal Mohamed Mounir Gamal Mohamed FOUAD**

Present Position: Head of Industry Section, Al Borsa (daily newspaper)

Previous Positions: Journalist, Amwal El Ghad magazine, 2010 – 2012
Journalist, The 6th of October newspaper, 2009 – 2010

Education/Training: BS, Akhbar El Youm Academy, 2010

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Languages: Arabic (primary), English

U. S. Travel: No previous U.S. travel

Other Travel: Ethiopia

Professional Background: Ms. Fouad is a business reporter who covers economic issues with a focus on trade issues. Her outlet, Al Borsa, recently promoted her to lead the trade and industry section of the newspaper. She covers domestic and international trade issues and travels frequently with high-level Egyptian government officials on trade missions. Al-Borsa (The Stock Exchange) newspaper is one of the two leading financial and business news-focused outlets in Egypt, and is affiliated with English-language Daily News Egypt. Because of this, Ms. Fouad's coverage is often placed in both outlets. Ms. Fouad interviewed Ambassador Beecroft at the kick-off of Global Entrepreneurship Week and published two articles in both publications about U.S. economic support for Egypt in entrepreneurship, economic growth, job creation, and education.

Hungary

Name: **Mr. Zoltan Tamas SZABO**

Present Position: Financial Policy Analyst, Ministry of National Economy

Previous Positions: Scholar, CEEPUS Program, 2016
Key Account Manager, Pecs Gasztroker, 2010 – 2011
Trainee, Raiffeisen Bank, 2008

Education/Training: Course, External Vulnerabilities, IMF, 2016
Seminar, Operational Monetary Policy, De Nederlandsche Banks, 2014
Course, New Financial Instruments, Joint Vienna Institute, 2014
Course, Finance and Macroeconomists, IMF, 2014
Course, Financial Market Analysis, IMF, 2013
MS, Business and Economics, University of Pecs, 2009

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U. S. Travel: New York City, Washington D.C.

Other Travel: Various European nations

Professional Background: Mr. Szabó is a financial policy analyst at the Ministry of National Economy, where he is directly engaged in economic policy decisions to promote sustainable economic growth and facilitate prosperity. Mr. Szabó is interested in having discussions with business representatives, banks, chambers, and think tanks to improve his ability to participate in formulating the Economic Ministry's tax and fiscal policy tools to promote investment and trade to put Hungary on a sustainable growth path.

Kazakhstan

Name: **Mr. Kassymkhan KAPPAROV**

Present Position: Director, Bureau for Economic Research of Kazakhstan

Concurrent Positions: Visiting Scholar, Central Asia Program, 2016

Previous Positions: Consultant, World Bank Kazakhstan Country Office, 2014 – 2015
Manager for Strategic Planning and Insights, British American Tobacco, September 2011 – March 2013
Analyst, Renaissance Capital, February 2010 – August 2011

Education/Training: LL.B., Civil Law, Kazakh Humanitarian Law University, 2009
MBA, Accounting and Management, Yokohama National University, Japan, 2007 MBA.
MA, Economics, Macroeconomic Modeling, Kazakh National University, 2006
BA, Economics, Kazakh National University, 2004

Publications: *The Evolution of the National Oil Fund of Kazakhstan: Inception, Utilization and Expectations*, 2016
Kazakhstan 2012 Outlook: Sound Basis for Stable Growth. Central Asia Finance, 2012

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U. S. Travel: Washington, D.C.; Cambridge, Massachusetts

Other Travel: Japan, Turkey, European Union, United Kingdom

Professional Background: Mr. Kapparov is a Director at the Bureau for Economic Research of Kazakhstan. His expertise is based on a deep understanding of challenges and opportunities in transition economies and hands on experience of policy-making and economic analysis and forecasting. He has led diverse teams to successfully plan, implement, and evaluate projects ranging from institutional development, research reports, event planning, and outreach programs across departments, organizations and countries.

Madagascar

Name: **Ms. Lisiniaina RASAON EP RAZAFINDRAKOTO**

Present Position: Communication and Business Development Manager, Malagasy Community Network Services SA / GasyNet, SGS Group

Previous Positions: Project Manager, SGS Liaison Office, 2003 – 2007
Marketing Consultant, GAMA CONSULT, 2001 – 2003
Marketing Manager, BFV-SG, 2000 – 2001

Education/Training: Master's, Business Administration, Institut National des Sciences Comptables et d'Administration d'Entreprises, 2000
Bachelor's, Private Law, CNTEMAD (National Center for Distance Learning), 2002

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U. S. Travel: No previous U.S. travel

Other Travel: Switzerland, South Korea, Guinea (Conakry), Cameroon, Senegal, Ivory Coast, United Arab Emirates, Congo (Brazzaville), Morocco, Kenya, Ethiopia, Mauritius

Professional Background: Ms. Razafindrakoto is the Communication and Business Development Manager within GasyNet, where she has gained valuable experience with export/import procedures and customs regulations. She is interested in topics closely related to trade, public policy, transparency, and public economy. She is motivated to learn from the experiences of other countries that have efficiently implemented trade facilitation measures as per the TFA recommendations and/or concluded free trade agreements and to assess the positive impacts of such deals on the daily life of the population. She is also interested in becoming familiar with successful 3Ps.

New Zealand

Name: **Mr. John Stacey BALLINGALL**

Present Position: Deputy Director, New Zealand Institute of Economic Research

Concurrent Positions: Board Chair, Parent Help New Zealand

Previous Positions: Deputy Director, Economic Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs & Trade, 2004 – 2008
Economist/Senior Economist, New Zealand Institute of Economic Research, 2001 – 2004
Teaching Assistant, Economics, Massey University, 1999 – 2001

Education/Training: Master of Applied Economics, Trade, Massey University, 2001
Bachelor of Applied Economics, Economics and Finance, Massey University, 1999

Memberships: New Zealand Association of Economists
New Zealand Institute of International Affairs
Global Trade Analysis Project

Publications: *The evolving NZ-U.S. trade relationship: selected case studies*, Ballingall, John, Pacific Partners – The Future of U.S. - NZ Relations, 2011
Food Miles: Starving the Poor? Ballingall, J., and Winchester, N., The World Economy, 2010

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Languages: English, French

U. S. Travel: West Lafayette, Indiana; San Francisco; San Diego

Other Travel: Australia, Vietnam, Taiwan, Fiji, Singapore, Thailand

Professional Background: Mr. Ballingall is the Deputy Director of the New Zealand Institute of Economic Research, where he is responsible for researching key economic issues facing New Zealand and business development. At a time when the benefits of globalization are being disputed, Mr. Ballingall is interested in a fact and evidence-based discussion about the future of the global economy, Asia-Pacific regional economic integration, and efforts to avoid a retreat to protectionism.

Venezuela

Name: **Ms. Laura Del Carmen JOHN RANGEL**

Present Position: President, Venezuelan Association of Paper Pulp Producers

Previous Positions: General Manager, Cámara de Industriales Estado Aragua, 2003 – 2011
Institutional Relations Coordinator, Cámara de Industriales Estado Aragua 2000 – 2003

Education/Training: BS, Social Communication, Catholic University Andrés Bello, 1993

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U. S. Travel: Orlando

Other Travel: San Jose, Costa Rica

Professional Background:

Ms. John is the President of the Pulp and Paper Trade Association, where she works with public entities to promote free market principles. Despite facing numerous challenges in Venezuela, her knowledge of the pulp and paper sector, industrial sector network, and background as a journalist allow her to effectively support private sector efforts to improve the business environment, spread the benefits of market based policies, and promote productivity with the support of new technologies and alliances with academic sectors and linked production chains. She's interested in economic development, entrepreneurship, and international trade so that she can improve her ability to build alliances between the business community, civil society, and the public sector. She hopes her participation in the program will provide her with valuable insights and contacts to bolster her current advocacy efforts.