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Greetings

Message from Acting Special Representative for Global Partnerships, Thomas Debass

The U.S. Department of State is proud to present the fifth annual State of Global Partnerships Report, which provides a sampling of public-private partnerships that serve as prime examples of the effectiveness of cross-sector collaboration in advancing foreign policy objectives. The partnerships highlighted in this Report showcase how public, private, nonprofit, and academic sectors, working alongside each other, can promote more effective solutions to challenges that cut across all sectors. Through partnerships and collaboration, resources are shared, expertise is increased, and impact is multiplied.

Six of the featured partnerships showcase the Department of State's and partners' commitments to enhance national security, combat human trafficking, accelerate technological innovation, elevate women in entrepreneurship, safeguard global health, and develop conflict-free supply chains. You'll also learn more about newly formed partnerships, including one helping victims of conflict improve their livelihoods through the coffee industry, and another "issue to watch" on potential applications of emerging blockchain technology for issues related to tracking to prevent abusive labor practices, hampering illegal mining, and addressing global health concerns.

Finally, two U.S. embassies are highlighted to showcase the variety of partnership activity that takes place at our missions abroad. We hope these examples encourage you to find and work with partners across all sectors to more effectively reach solutions to common challenges.

As always, we look forward to staying in touch on Facebook/Twitter: @GPatState and @statedept or partnerships@state.gov.

Sincerely,

Thomas Debass
Acting Special Representative for Global Partnerships
U.S. Department of State

About Us

The Office of Global Partnerships promotes collaboration between the U.S. Department of State, the public and private sectors, and civil society. Launched in 2008 on the recommendation of the Advisory Committee for Transformational Diplomacy, the office builds and facilitates partnerships that leverage the creativity, innovation, and core business resources of partners for greater impact.

To advance U.S. government interests in a world where decision-making at the national level is increasingly influenced by non-state actors, the Department of State recognizes the need to cultivate and maintain partnerships with key organizations and individuals across public, private and nonprofit sectors. Partnerships can play a crucial role in advancing America's core national security and economic interests: creating jobs, business ties, and dialogues across peoples and cultures; and promoting regional stability, while creating enabling environments for economic prosperity. The Office of Global Partnerships leads the U.S. government's efforts to engage private sector and civil society partners to achieve foreign policy objectives.

The office's mission is to build and institutionalize public-private partnerships that advance the Department of State's foreign policy goals by serving as:

Convener — Bringing together people from across regions and sectors for common objectives.

Catalyst — Launching projects and providing partnership training and technical assistance.

Collaborator — Working closely with partners to optimize resources and best practices.

Cultivator — Nurturing partnerships by providing access to networks & mentorship.

Ensure National Security—
The International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification

■ **PARTNERS:** U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance and the Nuclear Threat Initiative

■ **DESCRIPTION:** The International Partnership for Nuclear Disarmament Verification (IPNDV) brings together the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Arms, Control, Verification, and Compliance with the Nuclear Threat Initiative, a non-profit organization working to prevent nuclear, biological, radiological, chemical, and cyber dangers. The partnership engages more than 25 countries—with and without nuclear weapons—under a cooperative framework to better understand the complex challenges involved in the verification of nuclear disarmament, and to identify potential solutions to those challenges. This engagement strengthens existing work toward achieving the goals of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, acknowledges the importance of effective verification to future disarmament agreements, and highlights the role non-nuclear weapon states can play in verifying nuclear disarmament.

■ **HOW IT WORKS:** The partnership's work is organized into three working groups, each of which addresses specific areas related to future nuclear disarmament verification. During the initial two-year phase of the Partnership, the working groups focused on the dismantlement phase of the nuclear weapons lifecycle, developing a hypothetical dismantlement scenario around which to coordinate their efforts. This allowed them to develop common understandings of some of the challenges and potential solutions associated with nuclear disarmament verification.

■ **IMPACT:** Increased international understanding of the complex technical challenges associated with nuclear disarmament verification through bringing together more than 100 experts spanning the policy and scientific communities from over 25 countries.

- » Expanded the body of knowledge related to nuclear disarmament verification through the publication of more than 40 reports and technical papers addressing a wide range of topics related to nuclear disarmament verification techniques, procedures, and equipment.
- » Demonstrates the importance of collaboration on nuclear disarmament issues among countries with and without nuclear weapons, and provides a model for continued and broader multilateral cooperation.

■ **WEBSITE:** www.ipndv.org ■ **TWITTER:** @StateAvc and @NTI_WMD

"Multilateral progress on nuclear disarmament necessitates robust and meaningful cooperation between those states that possess nuclear weapons and those that do not...The Partnership's work towards credible verification is key to creating the conditions for future nuclear disarmament."

—Anita Friedt, Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Arms Control, Verification and Compliance, U.S. Department of State

Combat Human Trafficking—
U.S. Department of State-New Perimeter Anti-Trafficking Partnership

■ **PARTNERS:** The U.S. Department of State's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons (TIP Office) and New Perimeter

■ **DESCRIPTION:** Since 2013, the TIP Office and New Perimeter, a non-profit organization established by global law firm DLA Piper, have maintained a public-private partnership to increase the availability of pro bono legal resources and tools to support survivors and combat human trafficking around the world.

■ **HOW IT WORKS:** This partnership brings together the anti-trafficking expertise and knowledge of the TIP Office with the breadth of legal skills and resources of DLA Piper. The TIP Office is well positioned to identify countries, issues, or regions that could benefit from pro bono legal services and engage interested governments and nongovernmental organizations to promote partnership initiatives. New Perimeter is able to provide pro bono legal assistance in underserved regions, drawing on the skills and talents of more than 4,200 DLA Piper lawyers globally. For the partnership's first project, the TIP Office and DLA Piper created two documents—a model contract and addendum for domestic workers to use with their employers, as well as a model memorandum of understanding between countries sending and receiving migrant domestic workers to facilitate and regulate the safe recruitment and engagement of domestic workers. Grounded in international law, the documents set forth clear standards for the protection of domestic workers whose employment in private homes increases their vulnerability and isolation.

■ **IMPACT:**

- The model documents are accessible tools for any domestic workers, employers, and governments seeking to prevent the global abuse of domestic workers in private homes, a setting where they are uniquely vulnerable to human trafficking.
- The TIP Office regularly encourages the use of these documents during high-level and working-level bilateral meetings with foreign government officials, as well as meetings with non-governmental organizations, to help advance protections for domestic workers around the world.

■ **WEBSITE:** https://www.state.gov/j/tip/c73528.htm

■ **TWITTER:** @JTIP_State

"Domestic workers are typically excluded from labor protections and inspections, which increases their isolation and vulnerability to exploitation. Our partnership with New Perimeter seeks to help prevent abuses in this sector, including through the creation of an invaluable tool for domestic workers around the world to negotiate and document the terms of their employment."

—Kari Johnstone, Acting Director, Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons, U.S. Department of State

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Accelerate Technological Innovation—
Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST) Initiative

PARTNERS: U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Oceans and International Environment and Scientific Affairs, Kauffman Foundation, Founder Institute, Gust, GSVLabs, NovoEd, Stanford Technology Ventures Program (STVP), TechWadi, VentureWell

DESCRIPTION: The GIST partnership features a growing range of American academic, private sector, and NGO organizations that amplify the impact of American leadership in Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) to help young, foreign scientists and engineers create startups and improve their connectedness to American businesses. The partnership catalyzes opportunities to build high-impact, sustainable, and scalable innovation and entrepreneurship ecosystems by unlocking underutilized STI assets —like research and patents—to increase economic capacity, foster new investments, and create new businesses. GIST expands the reach of American business to global innovation and markets through international collaboration, mentorship, and social networks—a win for science and technology entrepreneurship around the world.

HOW IT WORKS: GIST directly engages science entrepreneurs from 136 countries through a combination of in-country trainings, online interactive programs, an online innovation hub, and global pitch competitions. Partners participate in a variety of programs to provide mentors, entrepreneurial resources, and funding to support these activities. Additional partners are expected to join the partnership later in 2018.

IMPACT:

- Since 2011, GIST has engaged more than 2.8 million science entrepreneurs worldwide and mentored more than 5,500 startup companies.
- A recent survey indicates that the 150 GIST Tech-I startup and idea finalists alone have secured over $10 million in investment, generated more than $218 million in revenue, and created over 650 jobs including over 40 in the United States.
- The GIST Network's Online Innovation Hub has directly reached more than 600,000 young science and technology innovators in over 190 countries.

WEBSITE: www.GISTNetwork.org

TWITTER: @GISTNetwork, #GISTNetwork

FACEBOOK: @GISTNet

"The GIST Partnership continues to demonstrate the power of American science and technology innovation to build economic opportunity and drive positive change."

—Jonathan Margolis, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science, Space, and Health, U.S. Department of State

Elevate Women in Entrepreneurship—
Fortune-U.S. Department of State Global Women's Mentoring Partnership

■ **PARTNERS:** U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and Fortune Most Powerful Women

■ **DESCRIPTION:** The Fortune-U.S. Department of State Global Women's Mentoring Partnership directly supports the United States' goal of advancing women's economic empowerment, both locally and globally. Over the past 12 years, the program has connected more than 300 women from more than 55 countries and territories with executive women mentors from the Fortune Most Powerful Women community, resulting in the expansion of professional networks and skill development opportunities for the international emerging leaders. This public-private partnership brings up to 25 emerging women leaders from around the world to the United States for a four-week mentoring program each year.

■ **HOW IT WORKS:** The U.S. Department of State decides which countries will be eligible to nominate and recruits nominees for the program. Fortune Most Powerful Women recruits the mentors from their network and selects the international participants for the program by matching them with volunteer mentors.

■ **IMPACT:**

- 81% of participants indicated that these new connections helped them grow as a leader.
- 90% of participants indicated that their connections through this program helped them achieve their community goals.
- Alumnae of the program have gone on to start and expand their businesses, run for political office in their home countries, and create business partnerships with their mentor companies and with one another.

■ **WEBSITE:** https://exchanges.state.gov/non-us/program/fortune-us-department-state-global-womens-mentoring-partnership

■ **TWITTER:** @ECAatState, #EmpowerWomen, #FortuneMPW

■ **FACEBOOK:** @ExchangeProgramsAtState

"By the end of the Fortune-U.S. Department of State Global Women's Mentoring Partnership both the international and American women have gained rich new experiences, an enhanced understanding of best practices, and expanded networks of amazing American colleagues. The international participants return home re-energized to utilize the new skills and relationships they gained to make positive change and to serve as role models and mentors within their communities, making the world a safer and more prosperous place for us all."

—Jennifer Zimdahl Galt, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Promote Global Health—
Accelerating Children's HIV/AIDS Treatment (ACT) Initiative

PARTNERS: U.S. Department of State's Office of the Global AIDS Coordinator and Children's Investment Fund Foundation (UK) (CIFF)

DESCRIPTION: The two-year ACT Initiative aimed to initiate an additional 300,000 children living with HIV in Africa with life-saving treatment by 2016. ACT was a $200 million public private partnership between the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and CIFF. ACT was implemented in nine PEPFAR-supported countries: Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia, and Zimbabwe.

HOW IT WORKS: In the countries where PEFPAR and CIFF co-invested in the implementation of ACT, the PEPFAR country team and CIFF's grants administration partner, the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, worked with the national government's ministry of health to guide the strategy and management of ACT. The work was operationalized by local and international implementing partners. Alongside their $150 million financial commitment, PEPFAR provided: a large base of existing programs and implementing partners; a data system for measuring impact; significant technical expertise; and deep understanding of national level systems. In addition to CIFF's $50 million financial commitment, they brought: a focus on sustainability, including an external evaluation of the sustainability of ACT, as well as a strong commitment to disseminating lessons.

IMPACT:

- As of September 2016, PEPFAR supported nearly 1.1 million children (0-19 years old) on antiretroviral treatment (ART) globally—a 97% increase since 2014.
- ACT has enabled 561,610 children to receive ART in the nine ACT countries.
- While pediatric ART coverage increased globally from 43% in 2014 to 49% in 2015, coverage increased by 10% or more from 2014-2015 in most of the ACT countries (Kenya, Lesotho, Malawi, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe) with Zimbabwe reaching 80% pediatric ART coverage.

WEBSITE: https://ciff.org/grant-portfolio/accelerating-childrens-hiv-treatment-africa/ **TWITTER:** @Pepfar, @CIFFchild

FACEBOOK: @Pepfar, @childreninvestmentfund

"Saving the lives of children with HIV is not only the right thing to do; it is also the smart thing. By treating children early in their HIV infection, they can stay healthy and thrive. Healthy children who can pursue their dreams will grow economies, create jobs and strengthen their communities for decades to come."

—Ambassador Deborah L. Birx, M.D., U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, U.S. Department of State

Develop Conflict-Free Supply Chains—
Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade

PARTNERS: Thirty public, private, and nonprofit organizations—including: U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Apple, Ford, Google, Boeing, and Global Witness—have signed an MOU for a new 5-year partnership, committing to a second phase of activities.

DESCRIPTION: The Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade (PPA) is a multi-stakeholder initiative to support supply chain solutions to conflict minerals challenges in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) and the Great Lakes Region (GLR) of Central Africa. The PPA provides funding and coordination support to organizations working within the region to develop verifiable conflict-free supply chains; align due diligence programs and practices; encourage responsible sourcing from the region; promote transparency; and bolster in-region civil society and governmental capacity.

HOW IT WORKS: Over the past six years, the PPA has established itself as a unique and important platform for bolstering progress on responsible minerals sourcing from the Great Lakes Region (GLR) of Africa. The Department of State and USAID formed the PPA Alliance and are leaders in its Governance Committee (GC). The GC is composed of representatives from each sector (government, civil society, and NGOs) who develop work plans and project proposals that are then funded in Africa's Great Lakes Region. Private sector partners provide guidance, collaboration, and funding; and all partners work in tandem to enable the success of the Public-Private Alliance for Responsible Minerals Trade.

IMPACT: Successful areas of work include: direct funding of five in-region projects to promote tools and action on responsible sourcing and minerals development; complementing government efforts to promote a responsible minerals trade; and facilitating discussions among key regional and international leaders and stakeholders in government, business, and civil society to align tools and systems. Projects led by the Alliance have already included:

- Creating the first traceable conflict-free mineral chain for artisanal gold in the GLC.
- Breaking links between the military and illicit minerals to help lead to conflict free mines and reduce armed groups profiting from the resources.
- Reporting suspected smuggling and fraud of tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold mines, and supply chains.

WEBSITE: http://www.resolv.org/site-ppa/ **TWITTER & FACEBOOK:** @EconatState

"The Public Private Alliance on Responsible Minerals Trade (PPA) is an example of how the right combination of private sector thinking and public sector commitment can have real results. I am proud to see the PPA's work continue."

—Manisha Singh, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Partnership to Watch—
Lake Kivu Coffee Alliance

PARTNERS: U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs' Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement, Polus Center for Social & Economic Development, Inc., Higher Grounds Coffee, Eastern Congo Initiative

DESCRIPTION: The Coffee Alliance is a consortium comprised of public and private organizations that promotes peace and prosperity by providing support for coffee farmers and their families who have been impacted by landmines and unexploded ordnance (UXO) in conflict and post-conflict regions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), through rehabilitation, training, coffee farm improvements, housing, and small business mini-grants.

HOW IT WORKS: The Coffee Alliance, an initiative led by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, in collaboration with the Polus Center, Higher Grounds Coffee, and the Eastern Congo Initiative (ECI) seek to improve the livelihoods of victims of conflict through DRC's burgeoning specialty coffee industry. Each of the respective partners brings their diverse expertise to the alliance—coffee with Higher Grounds, international development with Polus, and experience in the Congo with the Eastern Congo Initiative. In its initial phase the Alliance seeks to provide urgent prosthetic training, artificial limbs, and rehabilitation services to coffee farmers, many of them women, injured by landmines and UXO while cultivating their land in eastern DRC. In the second phase, Polus, Higher Grounds, and ECI will work with the coffee industry to provide expertise in "Universal Design" to assist in architectural planning of vocational training sites such as a coffee mill, cupping lab, and other vocational facilities that will increase job opportunities for landmine/UXO victims.

IMPACT: During the first six months the Lake Kivu Coffee Alliance will—

- Train six prosthetic technicians at the Centre Por Handicapes Physiques (CHP) Rehabilitation Center in Goma.
- Provide 20 prosthetic devices for landmine/UXO survivors at the CHP.
- Assist 200 landmine/UXO survivors to attend peer-to-peer support association meetings.

WEBSITE: https://www.poluscenter.org/coffeelands-trust

TWITTER: @StateDeptPM, @thepoluscenter, @highergroundstc, @EasternCongo

FACEBOOK: The Polus Center for Social and Economic Development

"Establishing a public-private partnership that links coffee with Victims Assistance is an important strategy toward helping victims of conflict improve their livelihoods and to lead meaningful and productive lives."

—Stanley Brown, Office Director of the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs' Office of Weapons Removal and Abatement, U.S. Department of State

Issue to Watch—
Blockchain@State

EXAMPLE OF POTENTIAL PARTNERS: U.S. Department of State; blockchain accelerators; technology companies; think tanks; multinational enterprises; nonprofit entities; international organizations.

DESCRIPTION: Blockchain is a relatively new decentralized and distributed digital ledger that is used to record transactions across many computers so that it is virtually impossible to retroactively alter or manipulate records or transactions without them being detected. Following a successful Blockchain@State Forum in October 2017, the U.S. Department of State, interagency, and private sector partners continue to explore the policy implications and potential applications of a distributed digital ledger to advance U.S. foreign policy goals, while gaining an understanding of its potential use cases by other governments and private sector entities. As blockchain is a new, emerging technology, the expertise lies with the private sector. Accordingly, the Office of Global Partnerships is committed to continuing to explore areas of opportunity for the Department of State to collaborate with the private sector on issues where a blockchain application may be of mutual interest.

POTENTIAL USE CASES OF INTEREST:

- Maximize transparency, accountability, and impact of foreign assistance.
- Apply supply chain tracking to prevent abusive labor practices, hamper illegal mining, and address global health concerns.
- Create economic identities for vulnerable populations, such as refugees and women farmers.
- Transform foreign aid and trade through financial inclusion, remittances, & cross-border payments.
- Enhance government services and counter corruption.
- Reduce cybersecurity vulnerabilities.

GOALS:

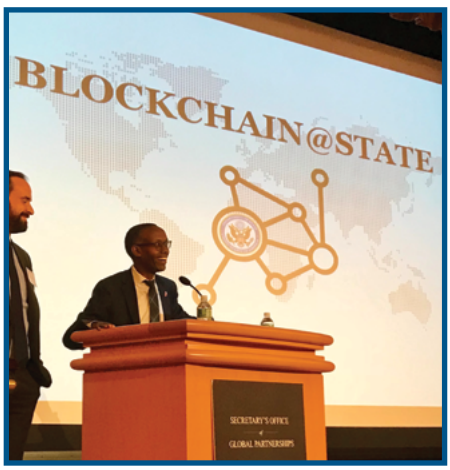
- Explore, develop and pilot blockchain solutions with public and private sector partners.
- Raise awareness of blockchain amongst a range of cross-sector stakeholders to learn more about how it may help alleviate domestic and global challenges, as well as explore potential policy implications should blockchain's application become more widespread.

WEBSITE: Deputy Secretary Sullivan's Remarks at the Blockchain Forum: https://www.state.gov/s/d/17/274725.htm

TWITTER: #BlockchainatState

"Private sector engagement helps the Department stay on the forefront of new and emerging technologies like blockchain and leverages unique resources to find solutions with greater impact."

—Thomas Debass, Acting Special Representative for Global Partnerships, U.S. Department of State



Embassy to Watch—
Embassy Lomé

Given the small size of the U.S. mission in Togo, Embassy Lomé has been a major advocate for partnerships to increase the Embassy's outreach, multiply financial resources, and convey policy messages that reinforce democracy and citizen participation. Under Ambassador David R. Gilmour's leadership, the Embassy has created a number of partnerships aimed at tackling societal problems, including:

- **Protecting the Environment:** Alongside three American companies (ContourGlobal, Radisson and Perlewater), the Fulbright alumni association, and the Togo Ministry of the Environment, the Embassy founded an NGO called "Friends of the Beach and the Ocean" to carry out community cleanup activities to reduce ocean pollution. Membership has grown to include the pan-African bank EcoBank and several other embassies and businesses.
- **Improving Public Health:** Colorado-based NGO Project Cure offered two containers of medical equipment for Togo, but did not have the means to transport the material. The Embassy enlisted American company Alaffia to cover the shipping costs and worked with Togolese health authorities to identify two hospitals in underdeveloped rural areas as recipients.
- **Promoting English:** Eight local companies (Moov, Perlewater, Alaffia, Le Phenicien Restaurant, Mint Hotel, Radisson, Ibis Hotel, Work Agency, and Mediterranean Shipping) joined the Embassy to sponsor a competition series to promote English language learning, with the participation of over 1,600 Togolese students. The competitions stressed the importance of English for economic opportunity, and all of the partners hire English-speaking employees.
- **Expanding Opportunities to Education:** The Embassy's Public Affairs Section and American firm ContourGlobal partnered to create "Mo-Lab" a bus outfitted with computer equipment and scientific gear. The vehicle visits under-resourced schools to offer hands-on experience for Togolese youngsters with science, technology, engineering and math.
- **Creating Connections Through Culture:** The Embassy partnered with U.S. social enterprise Alaffia to create a cultural center devoted to expanding ties between American and Togolese artists.

- **WEBSITE:** https://tg.usembassy.gov/
- **TWITTER:** @USEmbassyLome
- **FACEBOOK:** @togo.usembassy

"When societal problems are discussed, the default response by Togolese is most often 'The government should do X.' Partnerships communicate that government can't and shouldn't be expected to do everything, and that the private sector, community organizations, and citizens can and should play a role in solving society's problems."

—Ambassador David R. Gilmour, U.S. Ambassador to Togo

Embassy to Watch—
Embassy Prague

To mark the strong ties between the United States and the Czech Republic, Embassy Prague is commemorating 100 years of relations between the two nations in 2018. To raise its profile during the centennial year, reach new audiences, celebrate U.S.-Czech ties, and advance policy goals, Embassy Prague has pursued three long-term (up to one year) public-private partnerships, as well as one short-term partnership that create connections through culture and expand opportunities to education.

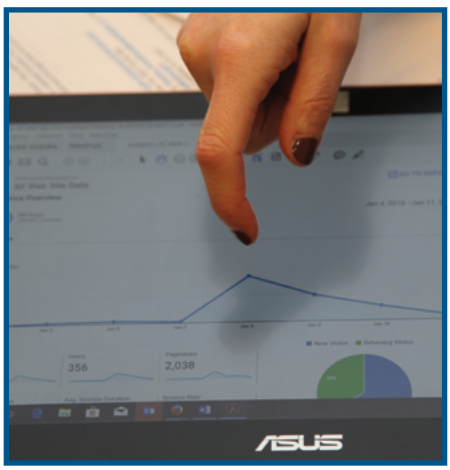
- The **Czech-American Centennial Timeline Project** is an initiative between the Embassy and creative agency MARK/BBDO. Together, they have created an online, interactive timeline of historical milestones in the U.S.-Czech relationship. The timeline also solicits input from the public on additional milestones, which are added if appropriate.
- **U.S. Embassy Prague's Baruv Fellowship Project** has forged partnerships with five organizations, including American companies Red Hat and Hill + Knowlton Strategies, as well as the International School of Prague, Vodafone, and the Prague Municipal Office to provide professional enrichment and training for Czech university students from underprivileged communities. While in previous years, Embassy Prague funded the entire amount of this program, the new PPP model shares the costs among the Embassy and the five organizations.
- The **Czech-American Challenge** is a partnership with Klasik Moto, the local licensee of the Harley Davidson company. To commemorate the centennial, Klasik Moto and Embassy Prague are launching an interactive smart phone application featuring information on specific locations of importance in the U.S.-Czech relationship. In addition to the app, the Embassy and Harley Davidson are collaborating on a film festival featuring American motorcycle films in July, 2018.
- **Google Czech Republic Workshop for Fulbright English Teaching Assistants**—Through a short-term partnership with Google's local subsidiary, a two-hour training course for Fulbright English Teaching Assistants (ETAs) was provided at Embassy Prague's American Center. Google provided online tools to assist in teaching English in the classroom; and has remained in touch with the ETAs, offering "Google Hangout" sessions to answer questions, provide further training, and obtain feedback.

WEBSITE: Centennial Timeline Project: www.ceskoamerickestoleti.cz

TWITTER AND FACEBOOK: @USEmbassyPrague, #100letsUSA, #českoamerickéstoletí

"Forging government partnerships with outside businesses expands the Embassy's impact by providing access to new audiences, raising our profile, drawing on private sector competencies, and amplifying our budget. By combining the forces of our organizations, the United States gains by building relationships with greater numbers of Czechs through impactful programming that will benefit our two countries in this centennial year and beyond."

—Ambassador Stephen B. King, U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic



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Partnership Excellence Award:

Along with partnerships spearheaded across the Department, we're honored to award the 2018 annual Partnership Excellence Award to several leaders and groups in the public-private partnership space across the U.S. government. Winners of the 2018 Partnership Excellence Award are: 1) Ambassador David Gilmour, U.S. Ambassador to Lomé, Togo for his leadership at Embassy Lomé on the creation of innovative and effective partnerships aimed at tackling complex societal problems; 2) Erin Kotheimer, Cultural Affairs Officer, U.S. Embassy Prague for spearheading Embassy Prague's public-private-partnership program, which expanded private sector collaboration, built innovative collaborative projects that are now a model for other posts, enhanced diplomatic outreach, and saved U.S. government resources in the Czech Republic in 2017-2018; and 3) the Overseas Security Advisory Council for its continued excellence in advancing a global public-private partnership, dedicated to assuring and enhancing security cooperation between U.S. private sector interests overseas and the U.S. Department of State. Thank you to them and numerous others who continue to advance the important role of public-private partnerships.

Boldline Public-Private Partnership Accelerator:

In late February 2018, the Office of Global Partnerships launched Boldline, a one-week accelerator program that supports public-private partnerships that address pressing global challenges and focuses on giving their stakeholders the tools—resources, mentorship, networks—to scale their initiatives. Participants presented their partnerships at the Global Partnerships Week Forum on March 5, 2018, at the U.S. Institute of Peace.

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WiSci (Women in Science) STEAM Camp:

The Office of Global Partnerships in partnership with Girl Up, Intel Corporation, Google, NASA, and others will host the 4th annual WiSci Girls STEAM Camp at the Namibia University of Science and Technology from June 17-June 28, 2018. This public-private partnership brings together nearly 100 high school girls from developing countries and the United States every summer for a camp designed to give them the tools and leadership skills necessary to succeed in the STEAM fields. For more information about WiSci, visit: https://girlup.org/wisci/

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P3 Impact Award:

Created by Concordia, the University of Virginia's Darden School Institute for Business in Society, and the Office of Global Partnerships, the P3 Impact Awards recognize and honor best practices of public-private partnerships that are improving communities in the most impactful ways. An independent panel of judges reviews applications based on the PPPs' measurable impacts, economic and social benefits, innovation, financial effectiveness, and scalability. The deadline for applications for the 5th annual P3 Impact Awards is April 9, 2018. Award finalists are recognized and the winner is presented at the Concordia Summit in New York City each September. For more information, visit: https://p3impact.secure-platform.com/a.

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