



# GEAR up for Economic Recovery



## So, what exactly is GEAR?

**JOSH:** GEAR is our overarching strategy covering the Economic Bureau's major responses to the COVID-19 pandemic and where we intend to focus our efforts as the United States, and the world, move forward with economic re-openings. A flexible and iterative strategy, GEAR is designed to be cross-cutting and support existing lines of effort, such as our campaign urging governments to exclude untrustworthy vendors from their 5G network, and women's economic empowerment.

## Can you describe the Bureau's underlying vision for economic recovery?

**SARAH:** Our vision within the Bureau is to stay relevant on behalf of the American taxpayer. Our aim is to poise the U.S economy for rapid growth and spur economic recovery that will directly benefit our citizens and the rest of the world.

## Can you name a few priority areas outlined in the strategy?

**JOSH:** Restoring international transportation and travel networks, diversifying critical supply chains, and support for U.S. business and export promotion are among our priority areas. Each is addressed in an issue paper which touches on key priorities for COVID-19 economic recovery, delineates the role of the Economic Bureau, and lays out timelines, lines of effort, and domestic and international partners.

## As you begin the implementation phase, what comes next?

**SARAH:** We are transitioning into our implementation phase now. We are discussing GEAR with our Embassy Teams and economic officers in the field to see where we can GEAR up. Our framework is only a starting point designed to steer us in the right direction. We hope to have examples of implementation soon!

