Draft Schedule of Malian Delegation Visit to

Washington D.C.

April 19 - 25, 2010

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Sunday April 18

7:00-8:00 Hotel Check Out
8:00 Meet in Kellogg lobby for van departure to Lansing airport

Transportation. Drivers: Sedan (TBD), 3 vans (TBD)

10:25 Departing Lansing, Delta 4054

14:59 Arrive Washington National, Delta 2154
Met at airport by vehicles from the Malian Embassy and transported to the hotel, Capitol Hill Suites
200 C Street Southeast
Washington, DC 20003-1909
(202) 543-6000
Monday April 19

8:30-9:30 Meeting Room 108 of Capitol Hill Suites:
• Introduction to the Washington food security and agricultural growth scene:
  Julie Howard – Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa
9:30
• Leave Hotel to State Department
10:30-11:30 US Government Interagency Briefing on Food Security: Organized by Steve Radelet and Cindy Huang - State Department, 22nd and C Streets, Room State 1205

11:45–13:00 Lunch (State Dept. Cafeteria)

13:30-14:30 Welcome to USAID by Franklin Moore, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Africa Bureau
• Discussion on Food Security and Food Policy, Global Hunger and Food Security Initiative
  (Ronald Reagan Building, AFR/AA Conference Room, 4.08-B)
14:30-14:45 Break
14:45-16:15 Welcome to USAID by Michael Yates, Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade
• Discussion with Laura Birx, Global Health Bureau, on Nutrition and Food Security
  (AFR/AA Conference Room, 4.08-B)

Tuesday April 20

7:45 Depart from the hotel for USDA

8:30–12:00 USDA/ERS, ERS 3rd floor of the South Tower of building at 1800 M Street
• Evaluating the impact of US food safety net programs: Mark Prell, Cheryl Christensen and Felix Baquedano
• Outlook and improving agricultural statistics (National Agriculture Statistics Service and Outlook Board): _____
• USDA’s Foreign Agriculture Service: Pauline Simmons (tentative)

12:30-14:00 Luncheon discussion at the Partnership to Cut Hunger and Poverty in Africa, 499 S. Capitol Street S.W. Suite 500B. Informal discussion of Mali’s CAADP/food plan

14:00-14:30 Meeting with representatives of Converted Organics, a firm investing in an organic fertilizer production facility in Mali – at Partnership offices

15:30-17:00 USAID Agency Policy Coordinating Committee for Food Security. Discussion of implementing country-led strategies – Ronald Reagan Building, Room 8.07 B/C.
**Wednesday April 21**

8:45  Depart hotel

9:30-11:00  Meeting with USDA, National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) – **Waterfront Centre, 800 9th St. SW, Room 1410 A+B**, Meeting coordinated by Hiram Larew, Director of International Programs.

- Food Safety: Isabel Walls, National Program Leader, Epidemiology of Food Safety National Institute of Food and Agriculture

11:30-13:30  Meeting (for 2-3 people) with the Initiative for Global Development roundtable on foreign private investment in African agriculture and agribusiness. Offices of **John Deere Company, 801 17th Street NW, 2nd floor**. A light lunch will also be served. Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: Meeting with Elena Bryan, Deputy Assistant USTR for Trade Capacity Building. **600 17th Street, NW**

13:00-14:30  Meet with representatives of the World Bank Martien van Nieuwkoop (handles Mali portfolio in Africa operations branch) and Christian Berger (works with CAADP in West Africa) – Meeting at **MSU Washington offices, 499 South Capitol Street, SW, Suite 500A**

15:30 – 16:45  Leave MSU offices for meeting with Congressman Peters

17:00  Meet with Congressman Gary Peters of Michigan

17:30  **1130 Longworth House Office Building**
**Thursday April 22**

8:15    Depart hotel

9:00    Departure from hotel for Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing (to be held in 419 Dirksen Senate Office Building—room number to be confirmed).

10:30 – 12:30    Attend hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on Global Food Security. Rajiv Shah, Administrator of USAID will testify.

12:30 – 13:30    Lunch

13:45 – 14:15    Meet with Ilana Levinson, staff advisor to Senator Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, 133 Hart Senate Office Building.

15:00 – 16:30    Role of a think tank in contributing to empirical analysis of policy issues:
                 Center for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS). Johanna Nesseth and others. CSIS, 1800 K Street, NW. Also discussion of CSIS’s analysis of food security and agricultural productivity issues

**Friday April 23**

8:15    Depart hotel

9:00 -10:30    Meeting at Association of Public and Land Grant Universities. Role of US universities in partnership with Africa to foster agricultural growth and food security. Peter McPherson and Howard Gobstein. APLU, 1307 New York Avenue, NW, 4th floor Kellogg Room.

Rest of the day open, with time for Friday prayers at a Washington mosque (the Islamic Center on Massachusetts Avenue at 13:15)

**Saturday April 24**

10:30-11:30    Hotel Check Out

11:30    Leave for Airport

13:55    Departing Washington National, Delta flight 6734

**Sunday April 25**

18:35    Arrive in Bamako, Mali