

**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**)
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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.
- eXtension (Electronic, Web-based Extension): Eric R. Norland, National Program Leader, Forest Resource Management
 - 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.
- 13:00- 14:30 Office of the U.S. Trade Representative: Meeting with Elena Bryan, Deputy Assistant USTR for Trade Capacity Building. **600 17th Street, NW**
- 15:30 – 16:45 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**
- 17:00 Leave MSU offices for meeting with Congressman Peters
- 17:30 Meet with Congressman Gary Peters of Michigan
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 Nesseseth and others. **CSIS, 1800 K Street, NW**. Also discussion of CSIS's analysis of food security and agricultural productivity issues
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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)
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Saturday April 24

- 10:30-11:30 Hotel Check Out
- 11:30 Leave for Airport
- 13:55 Departing Washington National, Delta flight 6734
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Sunday April 25

- 18:35 Arrive in Bamako, Mali