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## IDPSA Friday Forum

*A Big Drain: The Impact of Corruption on Development*

Friday, February 27th, 5:00 to 6:30  
Anderson Conference Room

Watch the ListServ for more information  
[www.idpsa.org](http://www.idpsa.org)



## Interested in Contributing?

Have something to say?

We are looking to re-work the DevNet and are interested in your thoughts.

Send us editorials or comments on any development or world events topics that interest you. Please send submissions to [idpdevnet@yahoo.com](mailto:idpdevnet@yahoo.com)

## **GRUPO BAHÍA** Thursday, February 26, 6:30 PM

*Enrique V. Iglesias Conference Center, Inter-American Development Bank, Washington, DC  
1330 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC*

In honor of Black History Month, the IDB Cultural Center, the Embassy of Colombia and the Ministry of Culture of Colombia, present a concert by the Colombian quartet GRUPO BAHÍA with the collaboration of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture

Grupo Bahía is a musical ensemble that comes from Colombia's Pacific coast that blends the traditional folkloric sounds of instruments such as the marimba de chonta, cununos and tamboras, with those of Western instruments like the saxophone. The sense of freedom suggested in their music is characteristic of the traditional music of the region.

On this occasion, the Minister of Culture of Colombia, Ms. Paula Moreno, will present the project *Route of the Marimba* that aims at rescuing and preserving the tradition of the marimba de chonta by creating schools to train young musicians in the interpretation and production of the instrument.

This event is free, open to the public. Photo ID required. Attire is business casual. Seating is unreserved general admission, 400 seats. 202.623.3558 [www.iadb.org/cultural](http://www.iadb.org/cultural)

## **The Future of Foreign Aid Under the Obama Administration: Balancing the 3 Ds**

*Wednesday, March 4, 12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

*Chemonics International, 1717 H Street, NW, Teele Auditorium*

Please join us for the **third event** in our special program series: The Future of Foreign Aid Under the Obama Administration. The topic of this compelling panel discussion will be exploring the intersection of defense, diplomacy, and development. Our panelists, both practitioners and scholars, will explore how a U.S. global development strategy can best co-exist with U.S. national security and diplomatic strategies.

As the new Administration and Capitol Hill sharpen their focus on the future of foreign aid, SID-Washington recognizes the importance of bringing many voices that work on various aspects of the foreign aid program into one room to dialogue together. SID-Washington is using its special niche as a knowledge broker bridging the full diversity of the foreign aid community to host such discussions with a series of panels on this most compelling topic.

This event will feature the following speakers:

**Timothy Beans**, Senior Vice President, Afghanistan and Pakistan Region, Chemonics International; **Reuben E. Brigety, II**, Director, Sustainable Security Program, Center for American Progress; **Paul O'Brien**, Director, Aid Effectiveness Team, Oxfam America; **Gordon Adams (Invited)** Distinguished Fellow and Director, Budgeting for Foreign Affairs and Defense, The Henry L. Stimson Center; Professor, U.S. Foreign Policy, School of International Service, American University

This event will be moderated by **Elizabeth Turpen**, Senior Associate and Co-Director, Cooperative Non-Proliferation Program, The Henry L. Stimson Center.

To **RSVP** for this event, please [click here](#)

# Job/Internship Opportunities

*More event information is available on the IDPSA List Serve*

**All ID Master's Students should subscribe to the IDPSA and ID Program listserv. Please email [idsis@american.edu](mailto:idsis@american.edu) with your full name and email address to subscribe.**

## **Featured Fellowship:**

### **TINKER-WALKER TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT MASTER'S STUDENTS**

The International Development Program offers travel fellowships for the Spring, Summer, and Fall for the purpose of assisting students involved in SRP or Thesis Research, Practicum, or Internship. The number of awards available will depend on the quality of proposals submitted and the travel costs of the approved proposals. This Fellowship is named in honor of Drs. Irene Tinker and Millidge Walker, former members of the International Development Faculty whose generous support has helped make this program possible.

**Eligible Student:** All currently enrolled students pursuing either the M.A.I.D. or the M.S.D.M. degree are eligible to apply. Students should have completed at least 18 credit hours of the program by the time the proposed project is to begin.

**Eligible Projects:** Any project that directly relates to the student's program of study, which involves a significant overseas stay (at least ten weeks) will be considered. This includes research projects (including SRP research and thesis research), practicum research (for M.S.D.M. students), and internships and co-ops.

**Criteria for Selection:** Students should prepare proposals that provide clear evidence of a **well-planned and feasible research undertaking**, including the following: (a) a clear research proposal and detailed plan of action, (b) evidence of institutional support in the country (e.g. offering of housing, research affiliation or internship position, and a list of individuals and institutions in-country that are supporting the project), (c) relevance to the student's program of study, (d) evidence that the project will be successfully completed (students who have not completed the project within a year after the end of the program will be expected to refund the fellowship), (e) a brief budget of expenses, and estimated cost of air fare, and (f) an indication of support from a faculty member in the ID program who will supervise the project.

**Amount of Award:** Awards will be equal to or less than the amount of the least expensive round-trip airline ticket to the country chosen.

**Deadlines:** The deadline for the applications for Spring 2009 is Friday November 7, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. in the ID Office, Hurst 214; **Summer and Fall 2009 will be March 20, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.** in the ID Office, Hurst 214. All proposals should be submitted in hard copy to the Director, IDP (and marked Tinker-Walker Fellowship Application).

**Insurance:** Every student participating in university-sponsored travel must carry international travel insurance. Students should carry their own primary insurance or AU student insurance. The international insurance covers medivac and other grave emergencies. The information can be found at: [http://www.american.edu/finance/rmo/int\\_travel\\_ov.html](http://www.american.edu/finance/rmo/int_travel_ov.html) In order for the insurance to be purchased Tinker-Walker Fellows must sign a waiver. You cannot receive your Tinker-Walker money until this waiver is signed and returned to the Program Manager.