

Agenda

USAID One-day Trade Overview Training Washington, D.C., January 30, 2009

Subject	Description
Registration	8:30 – 8:45
Course Opening and Introductions of Course Participants	Tracy Quilter and Lisa Yarmoshuk
Trade Theory and Policy	Bruce Bolnick <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce the fundamental economics and theories of trade policy
Trade, Growth, and Poverty: What are the Links?	Bruce Bolnick <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce the empirical links between trade and development
<i>Mini Break</i>	
Trade Agreements and Negotiations	Elena Bryan, USTR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce international trade agreements: WTO, FTAs, RTAs• Expand upon trade negotiations and implementation of trade agreements
Lunch Break	
Trade Capacity Building	Brinton Bohling, USAID <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide an overview of trade trends, and USAID resources and mechanisms
<i>Mini Break</i>	
Trade Facilitation (<i>Southern Africa Trade Hub Film on Trade Facilitation</i>)	Ned Saums/Lisa Yarmoshuk <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Discuss the importance of trade facilitation and relevant USAID programs.
USAID Trade Resources and Mechanisms	Brinton Bohling, USAID <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduce participants to USAID's sources for funding and technical assistance for trade programming.
Course Wrap-up and Evaluations	4:50 – 5:00

Speakers

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Brinton Bohling

Brinton Bohling is a senior advisor for USAID, based in Washington D.C., where he works with USAID missions worldwide on assistance programs to build trade capacity and attract international investment. He is the technical liaison to USAID's Africa Bureau and is the Agency's coordinator for trade policy issues as part of the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) led interagency process. Before joining USAID, Mr. Bohling worked on development issues in USTR's World Trade Organization Office from 2001 to 2004. Mr. Bohling also served as an international economist for the U.S. Department of Commerce, from 1998 until 2001, facilitating trade negotiations with countries seeking to join the WTO and researching developments in global trade for policymakers in the U.S. Department of Commerce. Mr. Bohling received a Master's degree in international trade and investment policy with an emphasis in trade and development issues from George Washington University in 1999. Mr. Bohling graduated from the University of Utah in 1992 with an honors degree in economics.

Bruce Bolnick

Dr. Bruce Bolnick is Chief Economist for the International Group at Nathan Associates and a Principal Associate in Economic Policy and Governance. Dr. Bolnick has worked for more than 35 years as a development economist, including 20 years in academics and more than 14 years on field assignments in Africa, Asia and the Middle East. His work has covered a variety of issues including trade policy, tax policy, financial sector development, macroeconomic management, strategies for promoting growth and reducing poverty, and investment promotion. He has written dozens of papers on economic policy; among others, he was a principle author of the Diagnostic Trade Integration Strategy (DTIS) for Mozambique, and a study on Labor Market Adjustments in Countries Undergoing Trade Liberalization for USAID.

Elena Bryan

Elena Bryan is Deputy Assistant United States Trade Representative for Trade Capacity Building, Office of the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the

President. She has formerly served as USTR Director of Indochina and India, Deputy Assistant for Southeast Asia and Pacific Affairs, and United States Trade Representative to Southeast Asia.

Tracy Quilter

Tracy Quilter is a senior trade policy advisor in EGAT's Office of Economic Growth. Ms. Quilter supports USAID missions to promote trade capacity building worldwide, in both the multilateral and bilateral context, and works with Washington to develop policies and programs related to international trade. She is currently the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) of the Worldwide Support for Trade Capacity Building (TCBoost) Project. Additionally, she participates in the USG interagency group that coordinates Aid for Trade and other trade-related technical assistance priorities. Prior to joining USAID, Ms. Quilter was an international trade analyst at the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC). She was detailed to the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative where she was the director for trade capacity building with negotiating responsibilities in the smaller economies group of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) and TCB Working Group of the CAFTA-DR trade agreement.

Edmund Saums

Mr. Edmund Saums is a policy and operational expert whose focus has been on international economics and trade relations with more than 20 years experience as senior United States government trade official and diplomat. He possesses extensive experience resolving problems for United States firms in overseas markets and has cooperated with United States business in the formulation of vital United States trade strategy. Prior to his current position as Principle Associate with Nathan Associates Inc., Mr. Saums served for more than seven years as Director for Middle East Affairs with the Office of the United States Trade Representative, Executive Office of the President managing United States trade relations with the governments and business communities of Israel, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the Palestinian Authority. In addition, Mr. Saums has provided economic and trade expertise at a number of international posts, including the U.S. Embassies in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Oman, as well as the United States Consulate General in the Netherlands.

Lisa Yarmoshuk

A principal associate with Nathan Associates Inc., Lisa Yarmoshuk, currently serves as Chief of Party of the USAID Worldwide Support for Trade Capacity Building (TCBoost) Project, a D.C. based \$11m project that provides expert assistance to USAID missions in identifying and responding to the trade capacity building needs of developing countries. Ms. Yarmoshuk is an acclaimed strategist and trade and regulatory lawyer with more than 15 years of broad experience advising on international legal, business, and policy issues worldwide. From 2004–2006 she was Chief of Party at the Southern Africa Global Competitiveness Hub, where she provided cross-cultural leadership, spearheaded innovative communications strategies, and delivered technical assistance and training. Responsible for the management and technical direction of the project, she led international and regional advisers in technical assistance activities related to trade policy, trade facilitation, access to financing, private sector advocacy, and knowledge sharing in the region. Previously as a lawyer with a major U.S. law firm she counseled many foreign governments and companies in Europe, Central and South America, and Asia on complex issues of trade policy, international business, regulatory law, and in litigation and dispute settlements. Ms. Yarmoshuk holds a bar membership in the District of Columbia, New York State, and the U.S. Court of International Trade.