

## AGENDA

### *Welcome*

Jim Sweetman, U.S. Government Accountability Office

### *Introductions*

**Moderator:** Sandy Jaffe, Co-Director of the Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution

### *Speaker Presentations*

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### *Speakers*

Linda Stamato, Co-Director, Center for Negotiation & Conflict Resolution  
Patrick Hickey, Senior Analyst, International Affairs and Trade, The Government Accountability Office

Julia Roig, President; Partners for Democratic Change

Robert Ottenhoff, President/CEO; Center for Disaster Philanthropy

Lisa Schechtman, Director of Policy and Advocacy; WaterAid America

Ariane Gauchat, Director; Millennium Challenge Corporation

Patricia T. Morris Ph.D., President; Women Thrive Worldwide

Ron Kelly, Vice President, Technical Assistance & Training; Center for Regional Economic Competitiveness

### *Discussion, Question & Answer*

### *Networking, Refreshments & Hors D'Oeuvres*

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# "POP" TOPICS

snapshots in *Planning* and/or *Policy*  
by the Bloustein School Alumni Association

## "Conflict Resolution Locally & Globally"

Thursday, April 16, 2015

4:00-6:00pm

Location host:

**U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO)**

**441 G St, NW, Washington, DC 20548**

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#### **MODERATOR:**

**Sandy Jaffe**, a lawyer, was a county prosecutor, an assistant U.S. attorney and chief of the criminal division and served as a special assistant to the U.S. attorney general Ramsey Clark. He led the investigation into the civil disorders in Newark at the behest of Governor Richard J. Hughes after which he served for more than a decade as an officer-in-charge at the Ford Foundation, starting the foundation's major investment in public interest law and conflict resolution. He initiated and helped--with the support of several other foundations--to launch the National Institute for Dispute Resolution and was the co-founder of the Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution at Rutgers University's Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy. He was appointed by the governor of New Jersey to the Rutgers board of governors. His policy interests include managing disputes that fall outside of existing political paradigms. He teaches, mediates and facilitates the discussion and management of public policy and planning decisions and provides technical assistance and advice to practitioners in the field.

#### **SPEAKERS:**

**Linda Stamato**, a political scientist and practicing mediator, has worked in both the public and private sectors, from supporting labor relations in a large corporation to providing technical assistance and advice to New Jersey's State Board of Mediation. She has been active in higher education, serving on several boards of colleges and not-for-profit entities, accrediting bodies, regional and national, and was chair of the board of governors of Rutgers University. She served as a consultant to several national foundations, including Ford, where she developed one of the papers recommending the creation of the National Institute for Dispute Resolution, and another on regulatory negotiation, and served as one of the founding advisors to the Ford created Center for Dispute Resolution in Higher Education. She teaches, mediates, writes extensively, and facilitates the management of conversations in public domains. Her research interests include intractable conflict, gender differences in negotiation styles and process outcomes. With Sanford Jaffe, she co-directs the Center for Negotiation and Conflict Resolution at Rutgers' Bloustein School of Planning and Public Policy.

**Julia Roig**, President/CEO of Partners for Democratic Change, has solidified private sector partnerships to reach development goals, including a long-standing global relationship with General Electric in over 10 countries. Ms. Roig is an attorney licensed in the state of Maryland with many years of diverse international management experience and practical field work. She is a substantive expert in Good Governance, Rule of Law, and Conflict Resolution, and has provided systems design, strategic planning, cooperative advocacy, program management, community outreach and training throughout the world. Prior to Partners, Julia served as the Country Director for the American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative in Belgrade Serbia. Julia is a specialist in the evaluation of international assistance programs and impact assessments, and has served as team leader for complex, multi-country evaluations in Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Egypt, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Peru and Senegal. Julia served as the Alternative Dispute Resolution Coordinator for both the U.S. Office of Special Counsel, and the D.C. Courts; was the Chair of the International Section of the Association for Conflict Resolution; and a member of the Editorial Board of Conflict Resolution Quarterly. She is currently on the board of directors of the Alliance for Peace-building. Ms. Roig received her J.D. from the George Washington School of Law.

**Lisa Schechtman** is the Director of Policy and Advocacy at WaterAid America, the US member of WaterAid International, the world's largest NGO dedicated to providing safe drinking water, sanitation and hygiene services. She has more than ten years' experience in global health and human rights advocacy, and focuses especially on women's health rights and integrated health service delivery. She has previously held policy and technical support roles at the Global AIDS Alliance, Population Action International, UNAIDS, and Amnesty International, and served on a delegation to the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria. Lisa holds a B.A. in English Literature and French Language from Northwestern University, and an M.A. in International Human Rights and Global Health Affairs from the University of Denver.

**Patrick Hickey, Senior Analyst, International Affairs and Trade, Government Accountability Office**, has covered international affairs and security issues for GAO since 1987. In that time, he has reviewed international peacekeeping or peace enforcement operations in over 30 countries, including one or more UN peacekeeping missions in Bosnia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Sierra Leone, East Timor, Somalia, Haiti, and the Middle East/Palestine. Among other issues, his reports have tracked the enormous growth in the size and scope of UN peacekeeping operations and the increasing complexity of their mandates. Prior to GAO, Patrick was a staffer for the House Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs Committee. He has masters degrees in Security Policy Studies and International Affairs from George Washington University (1987).

**Ron Kelly** is Director of the Labor Market Information Institute (LMI Institute), a program of C2ER. The LMI Institute is a network of state LMI offices, organizations, and professionals seeking to advance the art and science of LMI. The Institute supports the national LMI infrastructure, comprised of all labor market data producers and users, through training, research, program management, and partnership facilitation. As Director, Mr. Kelly supports the board of directors in developing and leads staff in implementing the Institute's annual work program. Mr. Kelly holds a Master's in Regional Planning from Cornell University and a Bachelors of Science in Business Management from the Rochester Institute of Technology.

**Patricia T. Morris, Ph.D.**, President of Women Thrive Worldwide, is an internationally-known leader in women's empowerment and development and an expert in gender-mainstreaming. Prior to joining Women Thrive in January 2015, Morris managed a global portfolio of social and economic development projects at Development and Training Services. She also served as Executive Director of Peace X Peace, a global network of peace builders; and managed nine country offices in conflict-affected countries for Women for Women International. Morris was Deputy Director of InterAction's Commission on the Advancement of Women and President of the Board of Directors of the Afghan Women's Writing Project. During her more than 20-year career, she also has worked closely with the U.S. government to advance initiatives empowering women and girls and has led dozens of organizations and corporations to institutionalize equitable gender policies.

**Ariane Gauchat**, Morocco II Team Lead and Director, has been with Millennium Challenge Corp from its days as a start-up 10 years ago. Prior to joining MCC in January 2005, Ariane worked as a consultant for the World Bank Department of Operations Policy and Country Services. While completing her graduate degree, she worked with FINCA International in Uganda developing microfinance market research tools and CARANA Corporation, a development consulting group. Prior to graduate school, Ariane worked in the private sector as a Research Analyst based in Prague, conducting research on emerging technology markets throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Ariane received a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from Brown University, and a Master of Science in Foreign Service degree with a concentration in International Development from the Georgetown School of Foreign Service.

**Robert G. Ottenhoff**, a veteran in philanthropy, nonprofit leadership, and entrepreneurship, is the inaugural president and CEO of the Center for Disaster Philanthropy. CDP seeks to transform how donors think about, respond and give to natural disasters. Prior to joining CDP, Bob spent a decade as president and CEO of GuideStar, a nationally respected comprehensive source of information on more than 1.5 million nonprofits. He had more than 25 years of management experience in public broadcasting, including nine years as chief operating officer of the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS), executive director of the New Jersey Public Broadcasting Authority and founder of WBGO-FM, where he served as its inaugural General Manager. He frequently writes, speaks, and comments on nonprofit and philanthropic issues.