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October 21, 2021 Meeting

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"USTDA 101: USG tools to support U.S. exporters"

Presenters

Jillian Foerster Country Manager, West Africa U.S. Trade and Development Agency

Brent Harrison Country Manager, Indo-Pacific U.S. Trade and Development Agency

The U.S. Trade and Development Agency, or USTDA, connects the U.S. private sector to infrastructure projects in emerging markets. We achieve our mission by funding feasibility studies, technical assistance and pilot projects that integrate the innovation and expertise of American companies. We also connect overseas project sponsors with U.S. partners through our reverse trade missions, industry conferences and expert workshops.

This presentation by USTDA staff will review the agency's mission and ways that U.S. companies can benefit from the agency's tools. The presentation will also include specific examples of projects and activities in the satellites/aerospace sector and an open, informal discussion on U.S. company priorities in the markets where USTDA is active.

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Jillian Foerster is a Country Manager on the Sub-Saharan Africa regional team at the U.S. Trade and Development Agency (USTDA). In this capacity, she is responsible for sourcing, developing, and overseeing the successful delivery

of USTDA's programming in energy, ICT, transportation, and other sectors in West Africa. She is also on the agency's ICT sector team and leads the satellite sub-sector for USTDA.

Before joining USTDA, Ms. Foerster worked as a contractor providing research and analytical support to the agency's Sub-Saharan Africa team. Her prior professional experience includes working with a think tank and consulting firms in Washington, D.C. focused on private sector development in Africa, as well as 2 years working with a community development organization based in Yei, South Sudan. Ms. Foerster graduated with honors with an M.A. in International Economics from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and a B.A. in International Relations and Economics from Roanoke College. She is proficient in French and Juba Arabic.



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development, project preparation, management and supervision of USTDA activities in the region, with a focus on healthcare, satellites, smart grid and emergency communications infrastructure.

Before joining USTDA, Brent was a Director at CG/LA Infrastructure where he focused on domestic and international infrastructure project identification, development and advocacy. He started his career in economic research at the Institute of International Finance, primarily focused on global macroeconomics and financial market surveillance. Following that, he joined the World Bank's Development Economics Prospects Group where he provided analysis on global capital flows, Latin America and South Asia. He has also worked as a consultant for the Growth Dialogue, a DC based think tank helping policymakers in the developing world consider relevant policy actions to effectively promote economic growth.

Mr. Harrison received his master's degree in International Political Economy from the London School of Economics as well as an undergraduate degree from the University of Pittsburgh where he majored in Political Science, with minors in Economics and German Studies.

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