Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program 2013-14

Medgat Olzhayev
Kazakhstan
During his time as a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Olzhayev is interested in studying issues surrounding public-private partnerships (PPP), his area of expertise in addition to foreign investment. Mr. Olzhayev most recently worked as an expert in the Department of PPP development of the Kazakhstan Public-Private Partnership Center, where he conducted economic examination of concession proposals and research related to public-private partnerships in fields like energy, transport, healthcare and education.

Bo Song
China
Mr. Song seeks to enhance his knowledge of nonprofit management and organization and program planning. He also hopes to learn more about policy-making processes and how NGOs advocate their values and ideas to the public. Mr. Song has most recently served as Deputy Secretary General of China’s Social Entrepreneur Foundation, YouChange, an innovative and private foundation that plays a leading role in policy advocacy and civil society’s development in China. Mr. Song also led the Strategic Management Commission of YouChange, initiating policy advocating and collaborating with the Chinese Central Government.

Andrea Svakova
Slovak Republic
Ms. Svakova intends to learn a systematic approach to public policy formation and public decision-making. She is specifically interested in innovation, technology and information, and their relation to national security and society. Most recently Ms. Svakova served as the owner own her own company Signal & Noise as well as a co-founder of startup company where she handles investor relations, project development and business development. She works with politicians as well as private companies, teaching them about the power of the Internet and its respective data, how to use it as a channel to talk to voters and customers in order to improve their effectiveness.

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**Participants • 2013-14**

_Saanullah Abro_  
**Pakistan**
Mr. Abro seeks to expand his knowledge of and exposure to American trade management, Customs operations and strategy of economic development. He is interested in public sector reforms focusing on Tax Customs and Tax Administrations, learning best practices of U.S. organizations and procedures of U.S. Customs. Most recently, Mr. Abro served as Deputy Collector of Customs at Pakistan Customs, Federal Board of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, Government of Pakistan.

_Mohammed Shaker Ammash_  
**Iraq**
During his time as a Humphrey Fellow, Mr. Ammash is especially interested in studying public policy analysis and public administration as they relate to Iraq and its new democracy. Mr. Ammash most recently served as the Chief of Staff to the Iraqi presidency and, adviser to the Secretary General of the Iraqi Presidency.

_Karla Dominguez-Gonzalez_  
**Mexico**
Ms. Dominguez seeks to enhance her knowledge of gender mainstreaming in development policy including public policy evaluation. By studying gender perspectives of social policies, Ms. Dominguez-Gonzalez hopes gender equality, poverty reduction and economic growth can all be obtained, particularly in her home country of Mexico. Most recently Ms. Dominguez-Gonzalez served as the Director Against Corruption in the Ministry of Social Development.

_Saeed Ahmed Kasi_  
**Pakistan**
Mr. Kasi intends to develop his knowledge of public policy analysis and public administration, particularly as they relate to rural development. Mr. Kasi most recently served as Additional Deputy Commissioner in Balochistan’s Services Department. Upon completion of his Fellowship, Mr. Kasi hopes to be promoted within Balochistan’s Executive Branch of Civil Services to either Divisional Commissioner or Additional Secretary at Secretariat Services.

_Esther Licnachan_  
**Philippines**
During her time as a Humphrey Fellow, Ms. Licnachan’s area of focus is on public policy analysis and public administration as they relate to indigenous communities. She is especially interested in land delineation and titling in indigenous communities, as well as the formulation of comprehensive development plans for the preservation of indigenous communities’ resources. Most recently Ms. Licnachan served as Development Management Officer for the National Commission on Indigenous Peoples, where she provided technical support and guidance in activities related to land and domain delineation and titling processes and conducted monitoring of compliance with terms of registration and accreditation of indigenous peoples organizations.

_Bilal Ahmed Memon_  
**Pakistan**
Mr. Memon’s area of focus is public policy analysis and public administration. He is also interested in human resource development, energy, and integrated infrastructure development. Mr. Memon is a career Civil Servant in Government of Pakistan, the Pakistan Administrative Service (P.A.S.), and has most recently served as Deputy Commissioner of Sukkur. He previously was Additional Secretary for the Implementation & Development Department in the Chief Minister House of the Government of Sindh. He has also helped manage the Sindh Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education.

_Delide Nora Moskoff_  
**South Africa**
Ms. Moskoff, a social development entrepreneur, hopes to expand her knowledge about leadership development to build synergy between organizations to activate social cohesion and change in South Africa, particularly around issues of vulnerable women and children. She also wants to gain greater understanding of public finance. Most recently, Ms. Moskoff served as director of Connect Network, a network of 110 faith- and gender-based NGOs that seek to develop safe communities for women and children in the Western Cape.