



PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM

Advancing Young Women Agribusiness Entrepreneurs and Innovators

A Kenya–Tanzania–Uganda–U.S. Partnership

18 OCTOBER — 23 NOVEMBER 2019

East Lansing, Lansing, Detroit, and Grand Rapids, Michigan
and Washington, DC

This is a program of the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs Office of Citizen Exchanges.

FRIDAY • 18 OCTOBER

All Day

Travel Day

Fellows depart their home countries, headed to East Lansing, Michigan, USA.

SATURDAY • 19 OCTOBER

Afternoon

Arrival

Fellows arrive in East Lansing and check into TownePlace Suites Hotel.

6:00 p.m.

Light Buffet Dinner

SUNDAY • 20 OCTOBER

11:30 a.m.

Depart from TownePlace Suites to MSU Kellogg Center

12:00 p.m.

Welcome & Working Lunch

Kellogg Center State Room

WELCOME REMARKS

Dr. Amy Jamison, Co-Director, Alliance for African Partnership

INTRODUCTIONS OF MSU TEAM

- Dr. José Jackson-Malete, Co-Director, Alliance for African Partnership
- Dr. Jane Payumo, Head, Research Evaluation and Data Analytics Team
- Dr. Wenda Bauchspies, Co-Director, Center for Gender in a Global Context
- Dr. Wynne Wright, Associate Professor, Department of Community Sustainability & Department of Sociology
- Mr. Derek Tobias, Program Manager, Alliance for African Partnership
- Ms. Emily Khan, Fiscal Officer, Center for Gender in a Global Context
- Mr. Justin Rabineau, Office Assistant, Alliance for African Partnership

INTRODUCTION OF FELLOWS

All Fellows

OVERVIEW OF SCHEDULE

Mr. Derek Tobias

1:45 p.m.

Depart to TownePlace Suites

2:45 p.m.

Shuttle to Local Markets (optional)

4:45 p.m.

Shuttle to TownePlace Suites

Shuttle departs from Meijer east entrance to return to TownePlace Suites.

Breakfast at the TownePlace Suites is included with fellows' stay and is offered 6:30-9:00 a.m. on weekdays and 8:00-10:00 a.m. on the weekend. Fellows will receive per diem for days with meals on their own.

All departures from the TownePlace Suites will leave from the hotel lobby. All departures from the International Center will also leave from the lobby.

MONDAY • 21 OCTOBER

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart from TownePlace Suites to MSU International Center
- 8:45 a.m.** Group Photo
International Center Lobby
- 9:00 a.m.** Program Orientation, Part 1
201 International Center
Session Chair: Dr. Amy Jamison
- WELCOME**
Dr. Robert Glew, Associate Dean for Academic Programs,
International Studies and Programs
- INTRODUCTIONS BY AFRICAN FELLOWS AND U.S. HOSTS**
- 11:00 a.m.** Break
- 11:15 a.m.** Program Orientation, Part II
201 International Center
Session Chair: Mr. Derek Tobias
- REVIEW OF PROGRAM THEMES & PROJECTS**
Dr. Amy Jamison
- Innovation and Entrepreneurship
 - Gender in Agri-Food Systems
 - Personal Development and Success
 - Finance, Marketing and Governance in the Agribusiness Industry
 - Individual and Joint Projects
- OVERVIEW OF HOST INSTITUTIONS AND PAIRING WITH FELLOWS**
Mr. Derek Tobias
- 12:00 p.m.** Lunch
On own; International Center Food Court
- 1:00 p.m.** Program Orientation, Part III
201 International Center
Session Chair: Mr. Derek Tobias
- OVERVIEW OF PROGRAM LOGISTICS AND PARTICIPANT SAFETY**
Mr. Derek Tobias
- PROGRAM EVALUATION**
Dr. Jane Payumo
- 3:00 p.m.** Campus Tour
Depart from International Center lobby
- 5:00 p.m.** Meeting with MSU Team, Fellows, and Hosts
Radiology Building Atrium
- Guest Speaker: Richard Mkandawire, Director AAP, Africa Office

THEMATIC AREA I:

**INNOVATION &
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

This week's session will focus on entrepreneurial practices, including how to find business ideas, evaluate their potential, and recognize the barriers to success. In addition, fellows will learn about the stresses of a start-up business, uncertainties, and behaviors of entrepreneurs.

TUESDAY • 22 OCTOBER

Program Lead for the Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart from TownePlace Suites to Affiliation Sites
- 9:00 a.m.** Individual Professional Affiliations
Fellows will participate in programming at the organizations in the Lansing area where they have been placed.
- 12:00 p.m.** Depart from Affiliation Sites
- 12:30 p.m.** Lunch
On own; Charlie Kang's Restaurant (127 E. Grand River Ave, East Lansing)
- 1:45 p.m.** Depart from Charlie Kang's to MSU Innovation Center
- 2:00 p.m.** Innovation and Entrepreneurship
MSU Innovation Center (325 E. Grand River Ave., 3rd Floor)
- TOUR OF THE HATCH & MSU INNOVATION CENTER**
The Hatch is a co-working space designed for creative, innovative MSU student entrepreneurs ready to develop their business ideas. Hatch members share a common workspace, collaborating to increase the probability of each venture's success. The Hatch is an attractive place for connecting, collaborating, and spontaneous creation of marketable business ideas, facilitating a community of like-minded student entrepreneurs.
- OVERVIEW OF MSU ENTREPRENTURIAL ECOSYSTEM AND PROGRAMS**
Lori Fisher, Events and Student Manager, the Hatch
- 3:15 p.m.** Depart to TownePlace Suites

WEDNESDAY • 23 OCTOBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart from TownePlace Suites to Affiliation Sites
- 9:00 a.m.** Individual Professional Affiliations
- 12:00 p.m.** Depart from Affiliation Sites to MSU Campus
- 12:30 p.m.** Lunch
 On own; International Center Food Court
- 1:30 p.m.** Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Africa
 204 International Center

Mr. Ayanda Noma, Director Innovation Management, University of South Africa
 Ms. Z. Makola, Ph.D. Student, University of South Africa

Mr. Noma is the Director of Innovation Management at the University of South Africa. He and his Ph.D. Student, Ms. Z. Makola, will conduct an interactive session that focuses on innovation and entrepreneurship in Africa with a specific focus on “Mumpreneurs in South Africa”
- 2:30 p.m.** Innovation and Youth Empowerment
 204 International Center

Dr. Chinwe Effiong, Assistant Dean, Global Youth Advancement Network
- 3:45 p.m.** Depart to TownePlace Suites; early dinner on own
- 6:30 p.m.** Depart TownePlace Suites for MSU Innovation Center (Optional)
- 6:45 p.m.** Women in Entrepreneurship Speaker Series (Optional)
 MSU Innovation Center

Robin Kinney, Motor City Woman

Robin Kinney is the President and CEO of Motor City Woman, an internet-based radio station and podcast production studio. With a focus on women, Motor City Woman offers an array of shows, expert guests, discussions on issues from a woman’s perspective and the resources for growth in all areas of life.

The MSU Women in Entrepreneurship Network meets regularly so that entrepreneurs can find role models and mentors, access a creative space and make real connections. The meeting includes sessions on pitching, business plan development and engagement with other entrepreneurs from MSU.
- 8:00 p.m.** Depart to TownePlace Suites (Optional)

THURSDAY • 24 OCTOBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

8:30 a.m. Depart from TownePlace Suites to Affiliation Sites

9:00 a.m. Individual Professional Affiliations

11:30 p.m. Depart from Affiliation Sites to MSU Campus

12:15 p.m. Working Lunch: What is Your DiSC Personality?
201 International Center

Tom Emigh, Acorn Leadership

Tom Emigh has a master's degree in Counseling Psychology, Ph.D. coursework in Leadership and Organizational Development, and is a trained mediator. He has significant and diverse Leadership Development and Organizational Culture Consulting experience in a great variety of organizations, developing a reputation for balancing attention to detail with a high value for people and relationships all while maintaining a calm and focused presence. His strong interpersonal skills make him an excellent resource in organizational change management on the individual, team and organization-wide levels.

3:15 p.m. Break

3:30 p.m. U.S. and African Enterprises: Doing Business Together
201 International Center

Akindele Akinyemi, Global African Business Association

Akindele Akinyemi is the President and CEO of the Global African Business Association based in the Greater Detroit area, which aims to connect African based businesses to help refurbish urban communities. Mr. Akinyemi has a B.S in African American Studies from Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti, Michigan and a M.A. in Education with an emphasis in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Phoenix. In addition to his educational work, Mr. Akinyemi is also a speech coach and motivational speaker who works in the area of relationship building and counseling.

5:00 p.m. Depart to TownePlace Suites

FRIDAY • 25 OCTOBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 9:00 a.m.** Depart TownePlace Suites to Grand Blanc
Fellows will visit sustainable agriculture sites in mid-Michigan
- 10:15 a.m.** Harvest Celebration, Michigan Food and Farming Systems Women in Agriculture Project
Grand Blanc, MI
- 12:00 p.m.** Depart Harvest Celebration
- 12:30 p.m.** Lunch
On own at local restaurant
- 1:30 p.m.** Sustainable Agriculture site visit
- 3:00 p.m.** Depart Agriculture site visit to TownePlace Suites

SATURDAY • 26 OCTOBER

8:30 a.m. Depart TownePlace Suites to Western Michigan

9:00 a.m. Western Michigan Field Trip

Abby Eaton, MDARD

Abby Eaton from the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) will lead the Fellows on a visit to the Muskegan Farmers Market, wastewater treatment plant, and P.J. Hoffmaster State Park. Lunch will be on own at Curry Kitchen Buffet, and Fellows will tour the Western Michigan area and visit an orchard farm stand on their way back to Lansing. Western Michigan and to tour the Lake Michigan area.

6:00 p.m. Shuttle arrives at TownePlace Suites

SUNDAY • 27 OCTOBER

8:00 a.m. Free day to meet with professional contacts.

2:30 p.m. Optional Shuttle to Meijer

4:00 p.m. Optional Shuttle departs Meijer to TownePlace Suites

THEMATIC AREA II:

GENDER IN AGRI-FOOD SYSTEMS

This week Fellows will learn about the dynamism taking place in local and global agri-food systems that present opportunities for women. The goal of these sessions and tours is to demonstrate chances for entrepreneurship and display responses/adaptations created by Michigan women innovators. We will discuss how opportunities have historically been limited for women in agribusiness and how these can be developed for future involvement. Our focus, however, will be forward-looking to develop an appreciation for how to overcome hurdles through agri-food literacy, leadership and learning.

MONDAY • 28 OCTOBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart from TownePlace Suites to Affiliation Sites
- 9:00 a.m.** Individual Professional Affiliations
- 12:00 p.m.** Depart from Affiliation Sites to MSU Campus
- 12:30 p.m.** Lunch
On own; International Center Food Court
- 1:00 p.m.** Overview of Gender in Agri-food Systems
201 International Center
- Dr. Wenda Bauchspies, Co-Director, Center for Gender in a Global Context
- Wenda Bauchspies is co-director for International Research and Engagement for the Center for Gender in Global Context (GenCen). She is responsible for providing intellectual and programmatic leadership in the area of research and engagement related to international gender studies while working collaboratively with faculty and other key university stakeholders. Dr. Bauchspies is an interdisciplinary and international social scientist whose expertise lies in the integration of gender, social justice, and culture with agricultural research and technological adaptation.
- Fellows will discuss the past, current, and future roles of women in agri-food systems, and how to develop goals for their own businesses.
- 1:45 p.m.** Break
- 2:15 p.m.** Facilitated Discussion of Women in Agriculture East Africa
201 International Center
- Dr. Veronique Theriault, Assistant Professor, Department of Agriculture, Food and Resource Economics
Dr. Wenda Bauchspies (Facilitation Lead)
Co-moderated by three Fellows
- Dr. Theriault will share experiences from her time conducting research on gender, agriculture, and policy making.
- 3:45 p.m.** Depart to TownePlace Suites

TUESDAY • 29 OCTOBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart from TownePlace Suites to Affiliation Sites
- 9:00 a.m.** Individual Professional Affiliations
- 12:00 p.m.** Lunch
On own; International Center Food Court
- 12:30 p.m.** Fellows' Project Development and Working Session; How to Create a Compelling Poster Presentation
201 International Center

The MSU ISP team will share best practices for creating clear and compelling poster presentations that will highlight the Fellows' projects. Fellows will continue working on their individual projects; they will also have the opportunity to share ideas with each other and clarify issues with the Program lead for the day.
- 4:00 p.m.** Depart to TownePlace Suites

WEDNESDAY • 30 OCTOBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart from TownePlace Suites to Affiliation Sites
- 9:00 a.m.** Individual Professional Affiliations
- 12:00 p.m.** Depart from Affiliation Sites to MSU Campus
- 12:30 p.m.** Lunch
On own; International Center Food Court
- 1:00 p.m.** Communicating Your Work: Using Gender to Promote your Work
201 International Center
Dr. Wenda Bauchspies
- 2:00 p.m.** Break
- 2:15 p.m.** Scaling Up? Why Women View Agriculture Differently than Men
201 International Center
Dr. Wynne Wright
- 3:15 p.m.** Depart from MSU to Allen Neighborhood Center Farm Market and Green House Program
Fellows will engage with local agri-business incubator, Allen Neighborhood Center, a place-based organization that serves as a hub for neighborhood revitalization and for activities that promote the health and well-being of Lansing's Eastside community and other stakeholders. Since 1999, ANC has pioneered programs in health education and outreach, housing improvement, food security and nutrition education, youth development, commercial corridor revitalization, and social capital building. They do all of this with the generous support of the engaged and unique Eastside community.
- 5:00 p.m.** Dinner with Rahel Musa
Teff-rific, located in Allen Neighborhood Center
Teff-rific is a Lansing community small enterprise that prepares traditional Ethiopian and Eritrea foods on Wednesday nights and sells it at the Allen Neighborhood Center.
- 6:15 p.m.** Depart from ANC to TownePlace Suites

THURSDAY • 31 OCTOBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart from TownePlace Suites to Affiliation Sites
- 9:00 a.m.** Individual Professional Affiliations
- 12:00 p.m.** Depart from Affiliation Sites to MSU Campus
- 12:30 p.m.** Lunch
On own; International Center Food Court
- 1:00 p.m.** International Center Women in Entrepreneurial Development
204 International Center

 Vicki Morrone, MSU Extension Specialist for Organic Agriculture.
- 1:45 p.m.** Break
- 2:00 p.m.** Accessibility/Reasonable Accommodation Session
204 International Center

 Dr. Rebecca Irvine, Assistant Director, Center for Gender in Global Context
- 3:30 p.m.** Q&A for Accessibility/Reasonable Accommodation
204 International Center

 Dr. Wenda Bauchspies
 Dr. Rebecca Irvine
- 4:15 p.m.** Depart to TownePlace Suites

 Please remember to wear sturdy shoes tomorrow

WEAR STURDY SHOES

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

8:00 a.m. Depart TownePlace Suites to Detroit

9:30 a.m. Arrive at D-town Farm

The Detroit Black Community Food Security Network (DBCFSN) is a coalition of organizations and individuals working together to build food security in Detroit's Black community by: 1) influencing public policy; 2) promoting urban agriculture; 3) encouraging co-operative buying; 4) promoting healthy eating habits; 5) facilitating mutual support and collective action among members; and 6) encouraging young people to pursue careers in agriculture, aquaculture, animal husbandry, bee-keeping and other food related fields. Since their inception, they have focused their energies in three main areas: urban agriculture, policy development

11:15 a.m. Depart Detroit Farm to Zilke Farm Kitchen

12:15 p.m. Tour and Takeaway Lunch at Zilke Farm Kitchen

This visit is an excellent example of entrepreneurship on the farm, blending production with processing and retailing. Zilke Farm Kitchen is located in Milan, Michigan, and branches out from Zilke Vegetable Farm. Our goal is to help local families answer the perennial question "what's for dinner" and to do it with fresh, seasonal, local produce. The Zilke Farm Kitchen is designed to feel like a home kitchen and pantry, stocked with a great selection of healthy, local, tasty ingredients ready to assemble into a quick and delicious meal with skills and equipment we all have. We're not that interested in award-winning presentations; we really just want to have satisfying and delicious dishes that are simple to create and prepared with love from the vegetables on our farm.

2:00 p.m. Depart Zilke Farm to African American Museum

3:00 p.m. Charles H Wright Museum of African American History

Founded in 1965, the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History has for over a half century been a leading institution dedicated to the African American experience. The Wright Museum houses over 35,000 artifacts and archival materials and is home to the Blanche Coggin Underground Railroad Collection, Harriet Tubman Museum Collection, Coleman A. Young Collection and the Sheffield Collection, a repository of documents of the labor movement in Detroit.

4:30 p.m. Depart from Museum to TownePlace Suites

SATURDAY • 2 NOVEMBER

- 9:00 a.m.** Depart from TownePlace Suites to WILD Conference
MSU Union
- 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** Women’s Initiative for Leadership Development (WILD) Convergence
MSU Union
- The WILD Conference is to promote women’s leadership development and empower undergraduate and graduate students, faculty, staff, and alumni to promote social change within the larger MSU community. The 2019 WILD theme is: (Re)imagine, (Re)center, Resist.
- 4:00 p.m.** Shuttle departs Western Michigan for TownePlace Suites
- 4:15 p.m.** Break
- Option to change clothing for Dinner
- 4:30 p.m.** Depart TownePlace Suites to Swallowtail Farm
- 5:00 p.m.** Dinner
- Fellows will enjoy a “Farm-to-table” dining experience
- 7:00** Depart Swallowtail Farm for TownePlace Suites

SUNDAY • 3 NOVEMBER

- 8:00 a.m.** Free time to meet with professional contacts.
- 2:00 p.m.** Shuttle to Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum (Optional)
- The Eli and Edythe Broad Art Museum is a contemporary art museum at MSU that opened in 2012. Guests will view a video exhibition by artist Beatriz Santiago Munoz who used custom made and broken lenses found after Hurricane Maria to capture the “elusive feeling of the world being taken apart and then slowly put back together again” in her native Puerto Rico.
- 5:00 p.m.** Depart Museum to TownePlace Suites (Optional)

THEMATIC AREA III: PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AND SUCCESS

This week we will focus on personal development. We will discuss developing professional networks and strengthening negotiating skills as well as key strategies to build sustainable African networks. In addition, fellows will be taken through issues of their health and wellness. The goal of these sessions is to demonstrate that your success in business has as much to do with your personal attitude, networks and health as well as your readiness, technical and business skills.

MONDAY • 4 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Dr. Amy Jamison

8:30 a.m.

Depart from TownePlace Suites to MSU Campus

9:00 a.m.

Building your Professional Networks & “Getting to Yes Together”

201 International Center

Tom Emigh, Acorn Leadership
Tom Tubergen, TuBer Marketing LLC

Tom Tubergen has had a long career in high technology (software) and in marketing. For the past 10 years, he has been engaged in consulting work helping companies maintain pace with the hyper-evolving marketing environment. In addition to his post-graduate study in software engineering, Tom holds an MBA in Marketing from Grand Valley State University.

Tom Emigh has a master’s degree in Counseling Psychology, doctoral coursework in Leadership and Organizational Development, and is a trained mediator. His strong interpersonal skills make him an excellent resource in change management on the individual, team and organization-wide levels.

Fellows will learn how to build their professional networks and interpersonal skills.

11:30 a.m.

Lunch

On own; International Center Food Court

12:00 p.m.

Fellows’ Project Development and Working Session

201 International Center

Fellows will continue working on their individual projects; they will also have the opportunity to share ideas with each other and clarify issues with the Program lead for the day.

4:30 p.m.

Depart to TownePlace Suites

TUESDAY • 5 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Dr. Amy Jamison

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart from TownePlace Suites to MSU Campus
- 9:00 a.m.** Fellows' Project Development and Working Session
302 International Center
- Fellows will continue working on their individual projects; they will also have the opportunity to share ideas with each other and clarify issues with the program lead for the day.
- 11:00 a.m.** Building and Sustaining an African Fellows Networks
302 International Center
- Dr. Damaris Choti, Assistant to the Director, African Studies Center
- Damaris Choti is Assistant to the Director of the African Studies Center at MSU. She holds PhD and MA degrees in K-12 Educational Administration from Michigan State University. Damaris coordinates and facilitates communication and collaboration among Africa-related student groups at MSU. She also identifies and recruits students with interest in Africa and, together with them, designs a series of activities that help the larger MSU community learn more about Africa and the learning opportunities available through the African Studies Center.
- Fellows will discuss how to leverage past cohorts of Fellows to build a strong network of agri-business professionals.
- 12:00 p.m.** Lunch
On own; International Center Food Court
- 12:30 p.m.** Depart from MSU to Affiliation Sites
- 1:00 p.m.** Individual Professional Affiliations
- 4:00 p.m.** Depart to Town Place Suites
- TBD** Optional NCAA Women's Basketball Game
Michigan State Spartans vs. Eastern Michigan Eagles

WEDNESDAY • 6 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:30 a.m. Depart from TownePlace Suites to MSU Campus
- 9:00 a.m. Fellows' Project Development and Working Session
305 International Center
Fellows will continue working on their individual projects; they will also have the opportunity to share ideas with each other and clarify issues with the program lead for the day.
- 10:45 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Grantwriting Session
305 International Center
Dr. Amy Jamison
Ms. Emily Khan
- 12:30 a.m. Lunch
On own; International Center Food Court
- 1:00 p.m. Depart MSU to Affiliation Sites
- 1:30 p.m. Individual Professional Affiliations
- 4:00 p.m. Depart from Affiliation Sites to TownePlace Suites

THURSDAY • 7 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:30 a.m. Depart from TownePlace Suites to Professional Affiliations
- 9:00 a.m. Individual Professional Affiliations
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch with Professional Affiliation Hosts
- 1:30 p.m. Individual Professional Affiliations
- 4:00 p.m. Depart from Affiliation Sites to TownePlace Suites

FRIDAY • 8 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:45 am Depart TownePlace Suites for trip to Southwest Michigan
- 10:00 am Shades of Lavender Farm
Mattawan, MI
Fellows will participate in a workshop on value-added agriculture in lavender farming
- 12:00 pm Lunch
Main Street Pub
- 12:30 pm Workshop Continued
- 2:00 pm Depart for Country Mill Apple Orchard
- 3:30 pm Country Mill Apple Orchard
Charlotte, MI
Fellows will tour the orchard and visit the country store
- 4:30 pm Depart Orchard for Towneplace Suites

SATURDAY • 9 NOVEMBER

- 8:00 a.m. Free time to meet with professional contacts
- 2:30 p.m. Shuttle to Meijer (Optional)
- 4:00 p.m. Shuttle departs from Meijer to TownePlace Suites (Optional)

SUNDAY • 10 NOVEMBER

- 8:00 a.m. Free time to meet with professional contacts
- 2:30 p.m. Shuttle to Meijer (Optional)
- 4:00 p.m. Shuttle Departs Meijer (Optional)

THEMATIC AREA IV:

FINANCE, MARKETING & GOVERNANCE

This session will focus on many of the fundamental issues pertaining to financing and marketing as well as human resource development as it pertains to innovation and agri-entrepreneurship. Individual sessions include start-up financing, using social media as marketing tools and HR competencies needed for successful entrepreneurship. Fellows will have a final poster presentation session about their individual projects on the last day. Fellows will also be moving from the hotel and staying with a family in the East Lansing / Lansing area for a one-week American cultural experience.

MONDAY • 11 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart from TownePlace Suites to MSU Campus

Participants must be checked out of their rooms at TownePlace Suites and prepared to move to their homestay families.
- 9:00 a.m.** Financing your operation and the Greenstone Farm Credit Services
201 International Center

Peter Lemmer, Chief Legal Counsel, GreenStone Credit

Pete Lemmer provides advice and counsel on legal, regulatory, or legislative matters involving GreenStone Farm Credit Services, and acts as the chief in-house legal advisor for the organization. He advises and renders opinions to the executive management team with respect to legal implications involved in establishing or changing company policy. He also works with representatives from all organizational departments to develop and modify practices and procedures to conform to legal and regulatory requirements.
- 10:30 a.m.** Break
- 10:45 a.m.** Fellows' Project Development and Working Session
201 International Center

Fellows will continue working on their individual projects; they will also have the opportunity to share ideas with each other and clarify issues with the program lead for the day.
- 11:45 a.m.** Lunch
On own; International Center Food Court
- 12:15 p.m.** Depart MSU to Affiliation Sites
- 12:45 p.m.** Individual Professional Affiliations
- 4:45 p.m.** Depart from Affiliation Sites to Homestay Families

TUESDAY • 12 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart from Homestay Families to MSU Campus
- 9:00 a.m.** Leading Change Online Course
302 International Center
Fellows will be given two hours to work on the Leading Change online course created and shared by Dr. Deirdre Combs
- 11:00 a.m.** Break
- 11:15 a.m.** Developing a Strategic Plan for your business
302 International Center
Ken Szymusiak, Managing Director, Burgess Institute for Entrepreneurship & Innovation, MSU Broad College of Business
- 12:00 p.m.** Lunch
On own; International Center Food Court
- 12:30 p.m.** Depart MSU to Affiliation Sites
- 1:00 p.m.** Individual Professional Affiliations
- 4:45 p.m.** Depart from Affiliation Sites to Homestay Families

WEDNESDAY • 13 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart from Homestay Families to MSU Campus
- 9:00 a.m.** Participation through Deliberative Dialogue in the Food-System Part 1
305 International Center

Dr. Wynne Wright
 Ms. Bonnie Wichtner-Zoia

Bonnie Wichtner-Zoia is a field educator with Michigan State University Extension. Throughout her career with MSU Extension has been instrumental in creating community organizations, authoring a number of publications and creating curriculum that focuses on building interpersonal skills. Bonnie enjoys bringing people together through facilitative processes. She received an M.S. from Michigan State University and a B.S. from Western Michigan University.
- 10:30 a.m.** Break
- 10:45 a.m.** Fellows' Project Development and Working Session
305 International Center

Fellows will continue working on their individual projects; they will also have the opportunity to share ideas with each other and clarify issues with the program lead for the day.
- 11:45 a.m.** Lunch
On own; International Center Food Court
- 12:15 p.m.** Depart MSU to Affiliation Sites
- 12:45 p.m.** Individual Professional Affiliations
- 4:45 p.m.** Depart from Affiliation Sites to Homestay Families

THURSDAY • 14 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart from Homestay Families to MSU Campus
- 9:00 a.m.** Participation through Deliberative Dialogue in the Food-System Part 2
305 International Center
Dr. Wynne Wright
Ms. Bonnie Wichtner-Zoia
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch
On own; International Center Food Court
- 12:00 p.m.** Depart MSU to Affiliation Sites
- 12:30 p.m.** Individual Professional Affiliations
Fellows' final day at professional affiliation
- 4:30 p.m.** Depart to Homestay Families

FRIDAY • 15 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 8:30 a.m.** Depart from Homestay Families to MSU Campus
- 9:00 a.m.** Fellows' Individual Project Poster Presentations
201 International Center
Fellows will showcase their individual projects at a morning meeting to invited guests from MSU Faculty, host organizations, community members and their homestay families.
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch
On own; International Center Food Court
- 12:00 p.m.** Reflections/Questions: A Participant Roundtable/Discussion
201 International Center
Dr. Wynne Wright, Dr. Wenda Bauchspies and Dr. Jane Payumo
- 2:00 p.m.** Evaluation of Program/Presentation of Certificates
201 International Center
Dr. Wynne Wright, Dr. Wenda Bauchspies and Dr. Jane Payumo
- 3:30 p.m.** Depart to Homestay Families

SATURDAY • 16 NOVEMBER

ALL DAY

Homestay Families

Fellows will spend the weekend with their homestay families and participate in activities that they have planned for them showcasing U.S. culture.

SUNDAY • 17 NOVEMBER

ALL DAY

Homestay Families

Fellows will spend the weekend with their homestay families and participate in activities that they have planned for them showcasing U.S. culture.

THEMATIC AREA V:

WASHINGTON DC TOUR & FELLOWS CONGRESS

The final week of the program will be held in Washington DC, the nation's capital and will provide the Fellows with an overview of the government structures in the US and the opportunity to participate in the U.S. Department of State Professional Fellows Congress.

MONDAY • 18 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 7:30 a.m. Depart from Homestay Families to Lansing Airport
- 8:00 a.m. Arrive at Lansing Airport, check-in for flight to DC
- 10:00 a.m. Depart to Washington, DC
- 3:15 p.m. Arrival in Washington, DC
Arrive at Reagan National Airport; transfer to Capital Hilton hotel in Arlington, VA
- 5:00 p.m. Transfer to Capital Hilton Hotel
Arlington, VA

TUESDAY • 19 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- All day U.S. Department of State Professional Fellows Congress
Please see their schedule for agenda. All meals provided with the Congress.

WEDNESDAY • 20 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- All day U.S. Department of State Professional Fellows Congress
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THURSDAY • 21 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- All day U.S. Department of State Professional Fellows Congress
Please see their schedule for agenda. All meals provided with the Congress.

FRIDAY • 22 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias, Program Manager

- All day U.S. Department of State Professional Fellows Congress
Please see their schedule for agenda. All meals provided with the Congress.

SATURDAY • 23 NOVEMBER

Program Lead for Day: Mr. Derek Tobias

- 11:45 a.m.** Check out of Capitol Hilton Hotel
- 2:30 p.m.** Departure to Dulles International Airport
- 5:35 p.m.** Flight Departs Dulles