

Invitation to Join World Bank President Jim Kim for a Congressional Meeting on Global Health and Poverty ***Meeting May 7th at 8am, Room S-115***

Dear Colleague:

We are pleased to invite you to a Congressional meeting with the President of the World Bank, Dr. Jim Yong Kim, on **May 7 at 8:00am in room S-115** to discuss the World Bank's role in international development, and to hear from Dr. Kim about the World Bank's new goal to end extreme poverty within a generation.

This meeting provides an excellent opportunity to hear from Dr. Kim about his vision for the World Bank and the specific goals proposed to guide the World Bank's strategy.

As a physician and anthropologist, Dr. Kim has dedicated himself to international development for more than two decades, helping to improve the lives of under-served populations worldwide. As a co-founder of Partners In Health (PIH), Dr. Kim worked to bring the benefits of modern medical science to those most in need in some of the most rural and hardest to reach places. After PIH, he served as the director of the HIV/AIDS Department at the World Health Organization (WHO), where he lead the ambitious "3x5 initiative" that was designed to put three million people living with HIV/AIDS in developing countries on life-saving antiretroviral treatment by the end of 2005. Most recently, Dr. Kim comes to the World Bank after serving as President at Dartmouth College.

In a recent speech at Georgetown University, Dr. Kim called for the international community to support the World Bank's goal to decrease the number of people living on less than \$1.25 a day to 3% of the population by 2030. In doing so, Dr. Kim aims to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people living in developing countries. He said,

We are at an auspicious moment in history, when the successes of past decades and an increasingly favorable economic outlook combine to give developing countries a chance – for the first time ever – to end extreme poverty within a generation. Our duty now must be to ensure that these favorable circumstances are matched with clarity of purpose and resolute action to realize this historic opportunity.

United States Senate

Please join us for a bipartisan discussion about issues of sustainable international development, increasing global health and well-being, and accessing poverty reduction services such as educational opportunities and financial services for the poor.

If you need further information or to RSVP, please contact Doug Babcock in Senator Brown's office at 202-224-1044 (email: doug_babcock@brown.senate.gov) or contact Chris Sullivan @isakson.senate.gov).

Sincerely,

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