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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of a public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. CDT at the Hotel Downtown Marriott in Des Moines Iowa. The meeting will be livestreamed and accessible at <http://www.aplu.org/projects-and-initiatives/international-programs/bifad/bifad-meetings.html>.

A morning session on *Agriculture and Food Security in Conflict-Affected and Fragile Context* will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CDT, with a public comment period from 12:00 to 12:25 p.m. CDT.

There is an urgent need to understand the unique challenges of improving the agricultural sector and food security in conflict-affected and fragile contexts—including those in which large populations are displaced—in order to strengthen investments in evidence-based food and agriculture programming tailored for these contexts. This BIFAD public meeting begins to address this need by bringing stakeholders and sector experts together for a timely discussion on the subject.

The morning session will specifically address the following questions: What is the state of knowledge on the relationship between conflict, fragility and food systems? What are the implications of this relationship for food security? How can food security and agricultural investments be most effective in preventing conflict or accelerating recovery in post-conflict settings? What are the unique needs of affected populations?

From 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. CDT, a new BIFAD-commissioned study, *How*

the United States Benefits from Agricultural and Food Security Investments in Developing Countries, will be launched, with a public comment period from 3:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. CDT.

From 3:45 to 4:20, the BIFAD Awards for Scientific Excellence in a Feed the Future Innovation Lab will be announced and presented to award recipients.

BIFAD is a seven-member, presidentially appointed advisory board to USAID established in 1975 under Title XII of the Foreign Assistance Act, as amended. The provisions of Title XII concern bringing assets of U.S. universities to bear on development challenges in agriculture and food security, and the BIFAD's role is to help carry out this function.

For questions about registration, please contact Devin Fergusson at dferguson@aplu.org or (202) 478-6030. For questions about BIFAD, please contact Clara Cohen, Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD in the Bureau for Food Security at USAID. Interested persons may write to her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Bureau for Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20523-2110, email her at ccohen@usaid.gov, or telephone her at (202) 712-0119.

Clara Cohen,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

U.S. Department of Commerce Trade Finance Advisory Council; Meeting

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce Trade Finance Advisory Council (TFAC or Council) will hold a meeting on Thursday, October 3, 2019 at the Milken Institute, in Santa Monica, CA. The meeting is open to the public with registration instructions provided below.

DATES: Thursday, October 3, 2019 from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon Pacific Standard Time (PST). The deadline for members of the public to register, including requests to make comments during the meeting and for auxiliary aids, or to submit written comments for dissemination prior to the meeting, is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time on September 23, 2019.

Registration, comments, and any auxiliary aid requests should be submitted via email to TFAC@trade.gov.

ADDRESSES: Milken Institute, 1250 4th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The TFAC was established on August 11, 2016, pursuant to discretionary authority and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., and re-chartered for a second two-year term on August 9, 2018.

The TFAC serves as the principal advisory body to the Secretary of Commerce on policy matters relating to access to trade finance for U.S. exporters, including small- and medium-sized enterprises, and their foreign buyers. The TFAC is the mechanism by which the Department of Commerce (the Department) convenes private sector stakeholders to identify and develop consensus-based solutions to trade finance challenges. The Council is comprised of a diverse group of stakeholders from the trade finance industry and the U.S. exporting community, as well as experts from academia and public policy organizations.

On October 3, 2019, the TFAC will hold the third meeting of its 2018-2020 charter term. During the meeting, TFAC subcommittee members will present recommendations on policies and programs that can increase awareness of, and expand access to, private export financing resources for U.S. exporters, for discussion with the broader TFAC and officials from the Department and other agencies. Meeting minutes will be available within 90 days of the meeting.