

2004-05 Humphrey Fellows Bios

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Ms. Kulthum Amani

Tanzania

Poverty Reduction

Ms. Amani joins us from her position as a Senior Economist in the Ministry of Home Affairs in Tanzania. She prepares, reviews, analyzes and advises on draft cabinet papers from within and outside the ministry. She also prepares and reviews draft policy documents. During her Humphrey Year, Ms. Amani will pursue interests in the areas of research, monitoring and evaluation of development programs and projects, and the macro- and micro-economic policies related to poverty reduction and HIV/AIDS.

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Mr. Paul Bagabo

Uganda

Tax

Mr. Bagabo currently serves as the Senior Revenue Officer for Quality Assurance, Inspectorate and Appeals Division of the Uganda Revenue Authority. He assists in the interpretation of tax policy, drafting guidelines, practice notes and rulings on tax law. He also reviews tax cases to ensure quality and fairness in tax assessment by other divisions and audits business entities to establish compliance with tax legislation. During his Humphrey Year, he plans to study the reforms undertaken to reduce compliance costs, increase tax equity and yield. Mr. Bagabo would like to interact with stakeholders in the U.S tax system with the aim of improving the policy and administration of tax in Uganda.

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Mr. M. Dian Bah

Guinea

Statistics

As an analyst in the Department of Statistics in Guinea, Mr. Bah is in charge of establishing Balance of Payments statistics practices for Guinea. During his Humphrey Year, he hopes to build a macroeconomic model for Guinea that can be used by The Central Bank for forecasting all monetary and economic aggregates such as broad money, liquidity, etc. Mr. Bah will pursue an interest in the analysis of monetary and economic statistics published by the Federal Reserve Bank, the World Bank or International Monetary Fund for the follow-up of the economy of the less developed countries.

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.....**Mr. Jaafar Elaouani**

Tunisia

Urban Planning and Regional Development

In his role at Serah, a private consulting firm, Mr. Elaouani assists with the technical coordination of projects, participates in budget development and coordination, and assures the success of the quality management of the company. As an engineer, his activity is directly connected with governmental infrastructure endowment. Mr. Elaouani plans to use his Humphrey Year to supplement his engineering and consulting skills with an understanding of economic policies and practices that impact governmental infrastructure projects and project assessment.

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Mr. Darshan Gangolli

India

Regional Tourism Development and Municipal Finance

Mr. Gangolli works as Senior Manager with IL&FS Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd. in India. His key responsibility is managing relationships to develop strategic alliances between government agencies and private sector developers. He has successfully secured private investments of over \$1.3 billion into various infrastructure projects in India. During his Humphrey Year, Mr. Gangolli will pursue academic training and professional affiliations in areas of regional tourism development including theme park development, eco-tourism and park management. Mr. Gangolli also plans to gain professional experience in municipal finance and municipal bond transactions.

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Ms. Shujie He

China

Finance and Banking

As the Deputy Chief of the China Everbright Bank, Ms. He evaluates the corporate banking business of all of the bank's 30 branches, develops marketing for new banking products, and oversees the new design of the customer relationship management system. While at MSU, Ms. He would like to enhance her knowledge and ability of managing small business finance by learning about bank techniques, managerial skills, and small business topics.

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Ms. Adriana Niedoszezwska

Poland

Public Policy and Administration for Development of Labor Market

Ms. Niedoszweska is currently the Director of the Department for Managing European Social Fund in the Ministry of Economy and Labor in Poland. Her job responsibilities include managing the Human Resources Development Sectoral Operational Program (HRD SOP) and promoting of the European Social Fund in Poland. During her Humphrey Year, Ms. Niedoszweska hopes to work at a site of public administration dealing with labor market policies, enterprise development, and integration of work forces in the labor market. She would also like to learn about the work of non-governmental organizations and social partners dealing with labor market policy.

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Mr. Talantbek Sakishev
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Public Administration, Public Finance and Budget

Mr. Sakishev currently serves as the Expert of External Economic Issues for the Committee on International, External Economic Issues and Inter-Parliamentary Relations of the Assembly of People's Representatives of Jorgoku Kenesh (Parliament, Upper Chamber) of the Kyrgyz Republic. He is responsible for studying, analyzing and preparing the expert reference papers and conclusions for hearings in the Committee and sessions in the Kyrgyz Republic Parliament. In his Humphrey Year, Mr. Sakishev would like to learn more about the U.S. experience on sustainable economic development of its economy.

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Mr. Marco Scanu
Venezuela

Entrepreneurship and Venture Capital

As CEO/Partner of Empresa Productora Vivaldi C.A. in Venezuela, Mr. Scanu is accountable for market positioning and growth strategies. He supervises a staff of 45 and currently directs franchise-conversion projects with high five-year growth projections. In his Humphrey Year, Mr. Scanu will study the theory behind entrepreneurship and Venture Capital and how they relate to economic growth.

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Mr. Abdul Tokhy
Afghanistan

Macro-economics

Mr. Tokhy is the General Manager of Smuggling-Obstruction and Custom Monitoring in the Ministry of Finance in Afghanistan. In his role of modernizing the customs system of Afghanistan, he monitors the functions of customs and is responsible for the integrity of the general operations of customs, preparing policies to avoid loss of revenue from customs, problem solving, and budget preparation. In his Humphrey Year, Mr. Tokhy wants to learn ways Afghanistan can generate revenue from their available resources. He is also interested in U.S. economic and financial systems and their applicability to Afghanistan.

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Ms. Lea Uhrinova
Slovak Republic

Small Business Management

Ms. Uhrinova serves as Senior Loan Officer for a women's microenterprise development project in the Integra Foundation in Slovakia. She manages loan portfolio and procedures, coaches loan officers, evaluates business plans, and provides consultation to women who run their own micro businesses. During her Humphrey Year, she plans to gain more knowledge and experience in small business management and to strengthen her consulting skills in order to provide professional support to small enterprise owners.

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