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# US to Ethiopia and Kenya November 7-18, 2019

## Exchange Guide

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## Schedule

### Thursday, November 7

#### Washington, DC

Arrive and check-in to the hotel

**Residence Inn Dupont  
2120 P Street, NW**

5:30pm Meet in hotel lobby

6:00pm Welcome dinner at **City Tap House** hosted by trip escort  
**The Honorable Amy Sinclair (ACYPL Alumna to Australia 2014)**

Location: 1250 Connecticut Avenue, NW

8:30pm Return to hotel

### Friday, November 8

#### Washington, DC

**Attire:** *Business*

**Breakfast:** *At the hotel*

**Additional:** *Please pay for any incidentals and check out of hotel. Please have your passport readily accessible.*

9:15am Meet in hotel lobby and depart for first meeting

10:00am Meeting at **U.S. Department of State**

Location: 2201 C Street, NW

11:00am Depart for next activity

11:30am Meeting at the **Embassy of the Republic of Kenya**

Location: 2249 R Street, NW

12:30pm Depart for lunch

12:45pm Group Lunch at **ACYPL**

1:30pm Depart for next activity

2:00pm Meeting at the **Embassy of Ethiopia**  
Location: 3506 International Drive, NW

3:00pm Depart for the airport

3:50pm Arrive at the **Dulles International Airport (IAD)**  
Check into flight and proceed through security

6:20pm **United Airlines flight #8826** departs Washington, DC

**Saturday, November 9**  
**Washington, DC/Frankfurt, Germany/Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

8:05am Arrive in Frankfurt, Germany (**FRA**)

12:50pm **United Airlines flight #9112** departs Frankfurt, Germany

9:40pm Arrive in **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia (ADD)**

*\*\*Please proceed through customs and immigration. **Robertson Kabucho** Head of Programs for Kenya and Ethiopia (+254 70 101 84 58) and **Damaris Kariuki** Project Coordinator for Kenya and Ethiopia (+254 724 225 447) will meet you\*\**

10:30pm Depart for the hotel

11:00pm Arrive at the hotel

**Best Western Plus Hotel**  
Bole Medhanealem Road  
+251 91 667 5235

**Sunday, November 10**  
**Addis Ababa**

**Attire:** *Casual*  
**Breakfast:** *At the hotel lobby*  
**Additional:** *Please wear comfortable walking shoes*

8:30am Meet in hotel lobby and depart for first meeting

9:00am **Welcome and schedule overview with Hanns Seidel Foundation**

10:00am Depart for next activity

10:30am **Addis Ababa Cultural Tour**

1:30pm Lunch

2:00pm Continue **Cultural Tour**

4:00pm Return to Hotel

*Please use your per diem for dinner*

**Monday, November 11**  
**Addis Ababa**

**Attire: Business**  
**Breakfast: At the hotel**

8:30am Meet in hotel lobby and depart for conference

9:00am Attend **Gender Rights and Women's Politics in the Ethiopian Federalism Conference**

2:00pm Meeting at **ICE Addis**

Topic: Technological trends in Ethiopia

5:00pm Meeting with the **Electoral Commission Forum**

Topic: Ethiopian electoral process

TBD Depart for hotel

*Please use your per diem for dinner*

**Tuesday, November 12**  
**Addis Ababa**

**Attire: Business**  
**Breakfast: At the hotel**

8:15am Meet in hotel lobby

8:30am Depart for first meeting

9:00am Meeting with at the **Institute for Security Studies (ISS) Africa**

Topic: The Peace, security and conflict dynamics in the Horn of Africa

11:00am Depart for next meeting

11:30am Meeting at the **Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

Topic: Foreign policies and relations in a changing world

12:30pm Lunch

1:30pm Depart for next meeting  
2:00pm Tour of the **African Union**  
Topic: Economic growth and development  
5:30pm Depart for dinner  
6:00pm Reception at **US Embassy**  
9:00pm Return to hotel

**Wednesday, November 13**  
**Addis Ababa/Nairobi**

**Attire:** **Business Casual**  
**Breakfast:** **At hotel**

9:00am **Breakfast Forum**  
Topic: Ethiopian political parties

11:00am Meeting on the Judiciary  
Topic:  
Location:

2:00pm Depart for airport  
3:00pm Arrive at **Bole International Airport (ADD)**  
4:25pm **Ethiopian Airlines flight #306** departs **Addis Ababa**  
6:35pm Arrive in **Nairobi, Kenya (NBO)**  
7:30pm Depart for the hotel  
8:00pm Arrive at the hotel

**Park Inn by Radisson Nairobi Westlands**  
Waiyaki Way  
+254 709 498000

*Please use your per diem for dinner*

**Thursday, November 14**

**Nairobi**

**Attire: Business**  
**Breakfast: At the hotel**

8:00am Meet in hotel lobby

8:20am Depart for first meeting

9:00am Meeting with **The Honorable Abadu Namwamba**,  
Chief Administrative Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade

Topic: How events shape the global order

10:30am Depart for next meeting

11:00am Meeting with **The Honorable Justin Muturi**  
Member of Parliament Speaker, National Assembly

Topic: Legislation, oversight, and representation

12:00pm Depart for lunch meeting

12:30pm Lunch meeting hosted by **The Kenyan National Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

Topic: Kenyan emerging economy

1:30pm Depart for next meeting

2:00pm Meeting with **Ms. Immaculate Kassait**  
Director, Voter Education and Partnership, Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission

Topic: Elections management in the digital era

3:00pm Depart for next meeting

3:30pm Meeting with the **Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association**

Topic: Overcoming obstacles towards meaningful youth political leadership

5:00pm Depart for the next meeting

5:30pm **Fireside Chat: Women and Political Participation**

7:30pm Depart for hotel

Please use per diem for dinner

**Friday November 15**

**Nairobi**

**Attire: Business**

**Breakfast: At hotel**

7:15am Meet in hotel lobby

TBD **Breakfast Forum**

Topic: Economic Development

10:30am Depart for next meeting

11:00am Meeting with **Kenyan Political Parties**

Topic: The Kenyan political landscape

2:00pm Depart for next meeting

2:30pm Meeting with **Mrs. Jacqueline Mogeni**  
CEO, Council of Governors

Topic: Roles and responsibilities for local governors

3:30pm Depart for next meeting

4:00pm Meeting with **Mrs. Ann Nderitu**  
Registrar of Political Parties, Office of the Registrar of Political Parties

Topic: Political party formation and current political party platforms

5:30pm Depart for dinner

6:00pm Dinner hosted by the **US Embassy**

9:00pm Return to hotel

**Saturday, November 16**

**Nairobi**

**Attire: TBD**

**Breakfast: At the hotel**

10:30am Meet in hotel lobby

11:00am Attend **Young People and Politics Brunch**

*Afternoon activities pending; please use your per diem for dinner*



**Sunday, November 17**  
**Nairobi/Kisumu**

**Attire:** *Casual*  
**Breakfast:** *At the hotel*  
**Additional:** *Please pay for any incidentals and check out of hotel. Please have your passport readily accessible*

6:30am Meet in hotel lobby and load luggage onto bus  
7:00am Depart for airport  
7:30am Arrive at **Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NOB)**  
9:25am **Kenya Airways flight #654** departs **Nairobi**  
10:15am Arrive at **Kisumu International Airport (KIS)**  
10:45am Depart for next activity  
11:30am **Kisumu City Cultural Tour**  
2:00pm Depart for next meeting  
2:30pm Visit **ECJP Office**  
3:00pm Visit **Youth Forum at the ECJP Office**  
5:00pm Depart for hotel

**Hotel TBD**

**Monday, November 18**  
**Kisumu**

**Attire:** *Casual*  
**Breakfast:** *Please see schedule*

8:30am Meet in the hotel and depart for the hotel  
9:00am **Breakfast Meeting with Mr. Anyang' Nyong'o**  
Governor, Kisumu City  
11:00am Activities pending  
1:00pm Depart for airport  
1:15pm Arrive at **Kisumu International Airport (KIS)**  
2:05pm **Kenya Airways flight #657** departs for **Nairobi**

2:55pm Arrive at **Jomo Kenyatta International Airport (NOB)**

8:40pm **United Airlines flight #9764** departs for **Dar es Salaam, Tanzania**

*Please refer to your individual itineraries for the rest of your flights.*

**\*\*End of Program\*\***

## Schedule Notes

### Friday, November 8

The **U.S. Department of State** is the federal executive department responsible for the international relations of the United States, equivalent to the foreign ministries of other countries. The Department was created in 1789 and was the first executive department established. The Department operates the diplomatic missions of the United States abroad and is responsible for implementing the foreign policy and diplomacy efforts of the United States. The Department is led by Secretary Mike Pompeo who was nominated by President Trump and confirmed by the US Senate in April 2018.

The **Embassy of the Republic of Kenya** is the chief diplomatic mission for the Kenyan government in the United States. The United States and Kenya have maintained diplomatic ties since the Kenya's independence from the United Kingdom in 1963. The embassy provides consular services to Kenyans living within the U.S. and to Americans who intend to visit Kenya. The current Ambassador Robinson Njeru Githae.

The **Embassy of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia** is the main diplomatic mission of Ethiopia in the U.S.. Along with providing diplomatic services for Ethiopian residents in the United States, the embassy seeks to promote cultural exchanges and tourism between the two countries. Relations between the U.S. and Ethiopia have been maintained since 1903. The current ambassador is Fitsum Arega.

### Saturday, November 9

**Addis Ababa** is the capital and largest city of Ethiopia. In 2015, the city's population was estimated to be over 3 million residents. The city was founded in 1886 and has served as Ethiopia's capital since that time. Addis Ababa also serves as the headquarters for the African Union and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. As a result, the city has been termed the "political capital of Africa."

The **Hanns Seidel Foundation** is a German political research foundation which was established in 1966 and headquartered in Munich. The organization is the official think tank for Germany's Christian Social Union party and is also a member of the Center for European Studies, the official think tank for the European People's Party within the European Parliament. The foundation defines its mission as promoting citizen engagement in democracy, the rule of law, and a social market economy. The organization's international divisions seek to promote this mission in more than 35 countries.

### Monday, November 11

The conference on **Gender Rights and Women's Politics in Ethiopian Federalism** will be hosted by Addis Ababa University's Center for Federal and Governance Studies. The Center organizes several seminars, conferences, and public lectures every year, all revolving around the themes of federalism.

**ICE Addis** is an Ethiopian co-working and start-up incubator that works to facilitate creative projects and events, and to promote young entrepreneurs. The company focuses on maintaining constructive interactions with tech workers, investors, and creative industry employees. ICE Addis is the first incubator of its kind in Ethiopia, and it was founded in 2011. The Ethiopian **Electoral Commission**, formally known as the National Electoral Board of Ethiopia, is an independent government agency which supervises Ethiopia's national elections. The Electoral Commission answers directly to the House of Peoples' Representatives, consisting of an appointed Board and Secretariat.

## **Tuesday, November 12**

The **Institute for Security Studies (ISS) Africa** is an organization dedicated to advancing the security of and peace within Africa as a whole. The mission of the foundation is to enhance human security in order to achieve sustainable peace and prosperity. ISS Africa has offices in South Africa, Kenya, Ethiopia, and Senegal, and focuses specifically on transnational crimes, migration, maritime security, peacekeeping, crime prevention, and criminal justice. Ultimately, ISS Africa seeks to promote better security policy and practice to aid senior officials in making informed decisions on Africa's security challenges.

The **Ethiopian Ministry of Foreign Affairs** is the government ministry responsible for overseeing the foreign relations of Ethiopia. The ministry was established in 1995 and is currently headed by Minister Gebu Andargachew.

The **African Union (AU)** is an intergovernmental union comprising 55 countries on the African continent. The bloc was founded in 2001 in order to foster greater intergovernmental cooperation throughout the continent and is headquartered in Addis Ababa.

The United States established **diplomatic relations** with Ethiopia in 1903 and relations continued uninterrupted until 1980 when the Ambassador was recalled at the request of the Derg Regime. After the defeat of the Derg Regime, and the election of a new government in 1991, the then-head of the Embassy was commissioned as an Ambassador. The current U.S. Ambassador is Michael Raynor, a career member of the Senior Foreign Service with the rank of Minister Counselor.

## **Wednesday, November 13**

The **Judicial System of Ethiopia** is heavily decentralized, with most cases handled at the provincial as opposed to federal level. Each region of Ethiopia contains district, appellate, and supreme courts, which are generally responsible for nearly all criminal and civil offences within their jurisdictions. While a federal system does exist, including a Federal Supreme Court, its jurisdiction is limited to constitutional issues, along with interregional disputes and "issues of national import." Along with the secular court system, Sharia courts exist for the country's minority Muslim community and those courts oversee religious and family disputes.

## **Thursday, November 14**

**The Honorable Ababu Namwamba** has served as the Chief Administrative Secretary Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade since 2018. Previously, Hon. Namwamba also served as a member of Parliament for two terms. He has vast experience as a legislator and has chaired key House Committees such as the Parliamentary Select Committee on Constitutional Review, Justice and Legal Affairs Committee and the Public Accounts Committee. Hon. Namwamba has also previously served as the Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs. He holds an LLM from American University, Washington College of Law, in Washington DC. He also has a Diploma in Legal Practice, Kenya School of Law, and a Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Nairobi.

The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Trade** is the government ministry that oversees Kenya's foreign and economic relations. As part of its mission, the ministry oversees Kenya's participation in the United Nations and African Union. The current minister is Dr. Monica Jumba.

**The Honorable Justin Muturi** is the seventh Speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya, in office since 2013. Justin is the first Speaker to serve following the reestablishment of a bicameral Parliament, as mandated by the 2010 Kenyan Constitution. Prior to serving as Speaker, Justin was a member of Parliament for the Siakago constituency and served as opposition chief whip and

chair of the Public Investment Committee. Justin obtained his degree from the University of Nairobi.

The **Kenyan National Assembly** is the lower house of the Parliament of Kenya. There is a total of 349 members in the Assembly, 290 from directly-elected constituencies, 47 women elected from the counties of Kenya, and 12 nominated representatives. Within the Assembly, there are a total of 30 committees.

The **Parliament of Kenya** is the bicameral legislature of the country. It consists of the National Assembly and the Senate. The National Assembly consists mainly of members directly elected from constituencies while the Senate consists of members elected from Kenya's 47 counties.

**The Kenyan National Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KNCCI)** is a nonprofit private organization that works to protect the commercial and industrial interests of the Kenyan business community. The goal of KNCCI is to create a favorable commercial, trade, and investment environment within Kenya that supports continued economic expansion. KNCCI is a membership-based organization, with members ranging from small businesses to large corporations.

**Ms. Immaculate Kassait** is the Director of Voter Education and Partnerships of the Kenyan Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission. Previously, Immaculate worked at the Institute for Education in Democracy, a leading Kenyan NGO as well as the Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA Kenya) as a Program Officer in the Women's Rights and Advocacy Program. She was received her Bachelor degree in Law from the Makerere University, Post Graduate Diploma in Law from Kenya School of Law, and Executive MBA from United States International University.

The **Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC)** is an independent regulatory agency that is charged both with conducting and supervising Kenyan elections and the drawing of electoral constituencies and wards. The IEBC was founded in 2011 as part of the reforms enacted by the Kenyan Constitution of 2010. Its goal is to provide for the independent regulation of elections as well as to serve as a mediator in electoral disputes.

**Kenya Young Parliamentarians Association (KYPA)** is a caucus for the young parliamentarians in Kenya.

#### **Friday, November 15**

**Mrs. Jacqueline Mogeni** is the Chief Executive Officer of the Council of Governors. Mrs. Mogeni is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya and a Human Rights Specialist. In her previous roles, Jacqueline has worked as a member of the Transition Authority as the Chairperson of the Legal and Intergovernmental Committee. She also worked as the Gender and Advocacy Development Advisor with SNV Development Organization. Jacqueline is passionate about promoting women and children's rights. She is the Chairperson of the East African Women Lawyers Association and also sits as a Board Member of Senior Women Citizens for Change. She holds a Master's Degree in International Studies and a Bachelor of Law both from the University of Nairobi.

The **Council of Governors** is a nonpartisan organization comprising the governors of Kenya's 47 counties with the goal of maintaining positive relations between the different county governments. Additionally, the organization works to promote a unified front on county-level interests at the national level and ultimately to help provide a collective voice on policy issues. The organization is analogous to the National Governors Association in the United States.

**Ann Nderitu** is the Registrar of Political Parties at the Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP). Prior to this position, Ms. Nderitu worked with the Independent Electoral Boundaries Commission (IEBC) as manager in charge of electoral training.

The **Office of the Registrar of Political Parties (ORPP)** is the main Kenyan government office that regulates political parties and ensures their compliance with the law. The ORPP was established in order to combat extensive political malfeasance that existed within Kenyan parties prior to the Constitution of 2010. The ORPP's mission is to maintain a multiparty democracy in Kenya and to maintain an independent framework of rules for all of Kenya's parties.

**U.S. Embassy – Nairobi** opened in Kenya in March 1964, when the United States established diplomatic relations with Kenya following its independence in 1963. On August 7, 1998, the original Embassy was the target of a coordinated terrorist attack that killed 213 people and injured almost 4,000. Following the attack, the grounds of the original Embassy were donated to a charitable trust which turned the property into the August 7th Memorial Park to honor the victims. The new Embassy was constructed in a suburb of Nairobi and opened in 2003. The current Ambassador is Kyle McCarter.

### **Sunday, November 17**

**Kisumu City** is the most populous city in western Kenya and the third-most populous city in the country, with a population of approximately 600,000. Kisumu City is a major inland port on Lake Victoria, and it serves as the capital of Kisumu County and the Lake Region Economic Bloc, which encompasses a total of 15 counties. Founded in 1901, the city's modern growth has largely been fueled by oil production.

The **Ecumenical Centre for Justice and Peace (ECJP)** is a nonpartisan ecumenical group of Kenyans from multiple religions whose goal is to work for peace through justice. Founded in 1995, ECJP's goal is to provide the most effective and competent civic education to Kenyan citizens. Ultimately, ECJP has sought to further the democratization and peace process in Kenya through its civic education program.

### **Monday, November 18**

**Anyang' Nyong'o** is the incumbent Governor of Kisumu County, one of the largest metropolitan counties in Kenya. Nyong'o was elected to the National Assembly of Kenya in 2007, representing the Kisumu rural constituency, and was previously the Minister for Medical Services. Before serving as Governor of Kisumu County, he served as Senator of Kisumu County, and prior to his roles in government, Nyong'o was professor of political science at the University of Nairobi and was head of programs at the African Academy of Sciences. Nyong'o completed his undergraduate studies at Uganda's Makerere University and obtained his Master's and PhD in political science from the University of Chicago.

## Delegate Biographies

### **Mr. Keith Benjamin**

Director, Department of Traffic and Transportation  
City of Charleston  
*Democrat*

Keith serves as Director of the Department of Traffic and Transportation for the City of Charleston, South Carolina. In this role, he is responsible for managing the department's budget and employees, while also working to improve municipal infrastructure and provide long-term planning for the city's transportation.

Keith worked in a variety of political roles before arriving at his current position. He worked for a several political campaigns, including as a Special Projects Coordinator for President Barack Obama's re-election campaign in 2012. He was also the Community Partnerships Manager at the Safe Routes to School National Partnership in Washington, DC. While in DC, Keith also was a Citizens Advisory Committee Member for the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board and a Transportation Planning and Safety Policy Analyst at the US Department of Transportation.

Keith received his bachelor's degree in political science, black studies, and religion from Swarthmore College.

### **The Honorable Ashleigh Dunston**

Judge  
Wake County District Court  
*Democrat*

Ashleigh is a District Court Judge in the 10th Judicial District, which encompasses Wake County and includes the state capital, Raleigh. Prior to her appointment by Governor Roy Cooper in November 2017, Ashleigh served the citizens of North Carolina as an Assistant Attorney General at the North Carolina Department of Justice and as an Assistant District Attorney at the Wake County District Attorney's Office.

Ashleigh received the 10th Judicial/Wake County Bar Association President's Award of Excellence and the 10th Judicial/Wake County Bar Association Professionalism Committee's Spotlight Award for Public Service. In 2018, she was awarded The City of Raleigh Fair Housing Hearing Board's Leadership Award and the "Salute to Champions" award from The Sports Shop Radio Show.

Ashleigh graduated with a bachelor's degree in psychology from Wake Forest University. She also earned a law degree from North Carolina Central University School of Law.

**The Honorable Sara Howard**

Member  
Nebraska Unicameral Legislature  
*Democrat*

Sara has been a Member of the Nebraska Unicameral Legislature since 2013, representing the Omaha-based 9th district. In the Legislature, she is a member of the Banking, Commerce, and Insurance Committee and the Health and Human Services Committee.

Prior to her election, she worked as a Staff Attorney for the Illinois Maternal and Child Health Coalition in Chicago, where she founded an organizational chapter, managed member communications, created an association board, and conducted policy research. She is also active in several civic organizations, including the League of Women Voters, the Friends of the Omaha Public Library, Film Streams' Ruth Sokolof Theatre, and the Joslyn Castle Trust. In 2018, she was named one of Ten Outstanding Young Omahans by the Omaha Jaycees.

Sara received a bachelor's degree in history from Smith College and a law degree from Loyola University Chicago School of Law.

**Ms. Carrie Simmons**

Consultant  
Texas Lobby Group  
*Republican*

Carrie works as a Consultant for the Texas Lobby Group (TLG). In this capacity, she works to build relations with Texas' public policy makers in order to advance causes and goals that are important to TLG's clients. Her work includes legislative lobbying, administrative lobbying, strategy development, grassroots development and mobilization, internal and external communications, and political strategy, advice and counsel.

Carrie began her career as a Legislative Aide in the Texas House of Representatives. After this, she worked as an Account Associate for the Elizabeth Christian Public Relations and Affairs firm and then as the Executive Director of the Texas House Republican Caucus. After the end of the 83rd Legislative Session, Carrie joined other female Republican leaders to start the Red State Women PAC to engage, empower, and inspire women to become active within the Republican Party.

Carrie earned a bachelor's degree in public relations from the University of Texas at Austin.

**Ms. Rebekah Staples**

Senior Advisor  
Office of Lt. Governor Tate Reeves  
*Republican*

Rebekah is a Senior Adviser in the Office of Lt. Governor Tate Reeves of Mississippi, advising on major policy areas and staffing strategy, with an emphasis on state budget, bonds, taxes, economic and workforce development, government efficiency, and education. Rebekah is also the President of Free State Strategies, LLC, providing public policy, political strategy, and communications advice to her clients.



Prior to this, Rebekah served as the Policy Director for Mississippi Governor Haley Barbour, overseeing issues relating to budget, finance, workforce development, civil rights, economic development, pension reform, and government efficiency. Rebekah also serves on the Board of Directors for the Mississippi Leadership Forum and founded the Capital Area Professional Women organization that offers mentoring opportunities in the Metro Jackson area.

Rebekah graduated from Mississippi College with a bachelor's degree in French and political science. She also earned a master's degree in business administration from Vanderbilt University.

### **The Honorable Drew Stokesbary**

Member  
Washington House of Representatives  
*Republican*

Drew is a Member of the Washington House of Representatives. He is currently the Ranking Minority Member on the House Appropriations Committee and also serves on the House Finance Committee and in caucus leadership. He was previously elected the Minority Floor Leader.

Outside the legislature, Drew manages a boutique corporate and securities law firm that represents startups, emerging companies, and private funds in the Seattle region and across the world. Additionally, Drew serves on the Auburn Valley YMCA Board and Civil Legal Aid Oversight Committee.

Drew graduated from Duke University with a bachelor's degree in economics and mathematics. Drew also earned a law degree from the University of Notre Dame Law School.

### **Escort**

#### **The Honorable Amy Sinclair**

Member  
Iowa Senate  
*Republican*

Amy is a Member of the Iowa Senate where she was elected by her peers as Senate Majority Whip in 2018. Currently, Amy is the Chair of both the Education and Government Oversight Committees. She also acts as Vice-Chair of the Education Appropriations Subcommittee and is a member of the Judiciary and Commerce Committees.

Prior to her position in the legislature, Sinclair spent two terms elected to the Wayne County Board of Supervisors, where she represented the county on a variety of state, regional, and local boards and commissions, including acting as Chair of the Iowa County Engineers' Service Bureau and Chair of the Facilities Committee for the South-Central Iowa Community Action Program. Outside of elected office, Amy has taught adult education courses, directed an after-school program, and worked with students as a mentor and mentor trainer. She is also the Vice Chair for the Bohay Institute's Legislative Leadership Development Committee through the Midwest Council of State Governments and is a Member of the Council's Future of Work National Taskforce.

Amy earned her degree from Indian Hills Community College. She previously traveled with ACYPL to Australia in 2014.

## Program Contact Information

### **Washington, DC – November 7-8**

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### **Kenya – November 13-19**

#### **Hanns Seidel Foundation**

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### **Hotel in Addis Ababa – November 9-13**

#### **Best Western Plus Hotel**

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### **Hotel in Nairobi – November 13-17**

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Nairobi City, Kenya

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### **Hotel in Kisumu-November 17-18**

TBD