

Discussing Educational & Cultural Exchanges and Foreign Policy

The next public meeting of the U.S. Advisory Commission on Public Diplomacy will be September 15, 2011, at the State Department. The topic will be Educational and Cultural Affairs and their role in foreign policy. Speaking at the meeting will be Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Adam Ereli. Ambassador Ereli is also presently the Acting Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs.

This public meeting will be from 10:00am to 11:00am on September 15, 2011, in the Loy Henderson conference room of the State Department's Harry S Truman building at 2201 C Street, N.W. This meeting is open to the public, Members and staff of Congress, the State Department, Defense Department, the media, and other governmental and nongovernmental organizations. To attend or request further information, contact the Commission at (202) 203-7463 or pdcommission@state.gov by 5pm on September 12, 2011. Please arrive for the meeting by 9:45am to allow for a prompt meeting start.

As access to the Department of State facilities is controlled, members of the public wishing to attend the meeting must notify the Commission, not later than 5pm, September 12, 2011, providing the information below. If notified after this date, the Department's Bureau of Diplomatic Security may not be able to complete the necessary processing required to attend the meeting. A person requesting reasonable accommodation should notify the Commission by the same date.

Each member of the public wishing to attend the meeting should provide: his/her name, company or organizational affiliation; phone number; date of birth; and identifying data such as driver's license number, U.S. Government or military ID, to the Commission. An RSVP list will be provided to Diplomatic Security. One of the following forms of valid photo identification will be required for admission to the Department of State building: U.S. driver's license, passport, U.S. Government ID or other valid photo ID. Personal data is requested pursuant to Pub. L. 99-399 (Omnibus Diplomatic Security and Antiterrorism Act of 1986), as amended; Pub. L. 107-56 (USA PATRIOT Act); and Executive Order 13356. The purpose of the collection is to validate the identity of individuals who enter Department facilities. The data will be entered into the Visitor Access Control System (VACS-D) database. Please see the [Privacy Impact Assessment for VACS-D](#) for additional information.

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