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## الولايات المتحدة تدعم الإصلاحات الرامية لاستقرار وازدهار الشرق



واشنطن، - سوف تقوم الولايات المتحدة بتشجيع ودعم الإصلاحات السياسية والاقتصادية في منطقة الشرق الأوسط وشمال أفريقيا في السنة المقبلة لمساعدة المنطقة التي تمر بتغيرات متسارعة على تحقيق الاستقرار مع مزيد من الحرية والازدهار.

قال مساعد وزيرة الخارجية لشؤون الشرق الأدنى، جفري فلتمان، أمام اللجنة الفرعية المختصة بمنطقة الشرق الأوسط وجنوب آسيا، والمنبثقة عن لجنة الشؤون الخارجية بمجلس النواب الأميركي، في 9 أيار/مايو، إنه "لا عودة إلى الوراء. فالشعوب تطالب بالكرامة، والحقوق الديمقراطية الأساسية، والحصول على الفرص الاقتصادية، ووضع حد للفساد المستشري".

وأضاف فلتمان، الذي مثل أمام اللجنة الفرعية لشرح طلب الحكومة الخاص بميزانية السنة المالية المقبلة التي تبدأ في الأول من تشرين الأول/أكتوبر المقبل، إن مساعدة بلدان المنطقة على إقامة نظم سياسية ديمقراطية وجامعة لكافة شرائح المجتمع مع اقتصادات متنامية ومنفتحة من شأنه أن يحمي جوهر المصالح الأميركية في المنطقة، مثل التصدي لانتشار الأسلحة النووية، ومكافحة مخاطر التطرف، والعمل من أجل التوصل إلى حل قابل للتطبيق للصراع الإسرائيلي الفلسطيني. **للمزيد**

## Strategic Dialogue with Civil Society 2012 Summit



**On Wednesday, May 16, 2012**, Secretary Clinton hosted a public Town Hall meeting with civil society from around the world as part of the U.S. Department of State's "Strategic Dialogue with Civil Society 2012 Summit." During the Town Hall meeting, Secretary Clinton discussed the United States' support for strong, independent civil society, highlight the success of civil society over the past year in pushing for meaningful political and economic reform around the world; and the potential of civil society organizations (CSOs) to transform the international system and address global challenges; and she took questions from audience members from around the world.

*"...As we see the explosion of civil society groups around the world, we want to support you. I think that in the United States, civil society does the work that touches on every part of our life. It really reflects what Alexis de Tocqueville called the habits of the heart that America has been forming and practicing from our very founding, because we early on understood that there had to be a role for government and a role for the economy, but everything else was a role for us – individuals charting our own course, making our own contributions ... Now I don't want to give the impression – because it would be a false one – that cooperation between civil society and government is always easy ... Most of you will not be shocked to hear that civil society and government, even in my own country, do not always agree. We have found ways to disagree without being disagreeable ... And so I know that you have to sometimes stand up to your own governments. You have to sometimes help your government do things that, in the absence of the pressure you are bringing, they either could not or would not do themselves."*

**To read the transcript of or view a recording of the Town Hall meeting: [Click here.](#)**

## Corruption Is Job Killer, Clinton Says



"Corruption is a cancer that eats away at economic opportunity," said Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton at her Global Town Hall with Civil Society Representatives on May 16.

"How discouraging is that to people who want to get started and want to get going with their own energy to create something?" Clinton said. "Sometimes you have to pay many bribes. Sometimes you get all kinds of licenses that have nothing to do with actually starting your business, but it's just to keep somebody in the government employed."

While pledging America's support to groups that combat corruption, Clinton also suggested the role social media can play in shedding light on corrupt practices. "[Post] anonymous pictures of people taking bribes, [post] anonymous stories of officials who stand in the way of the creation of your small business. Take that stand against corruption. We will work with you."

## Sports in America

### **On training:**

Everyone is doing a ton of work: early mornings, three practices a day, and you're tired all the time. ... The biggest challenge comes in your mental preparation. If you are too tightly wound, all your hard work can become secondary. Being mentally prepared, calm and relaxed, but amped up at the same time, is important to having your best race.

### **On international camaraderie:**

I love the opportunity to talk with athletes from all over the world. My experience at the Pan American Games was very positive. The athletes I competed against were so happy to be there and for the opportunity to race. We shook hands and were friendly after competition. The love of sport comes through at times like that. It's not always about winning: we love what we do.

### **On the appeal of rowing:**

I thought rowing was the coolest thing ever when I tried it in college. I would love to see more people get the chance to try something as unique and special as rowing. I'm thankful for the opportunity to compete and to race the best in the world. I hope the way I race shows my love and respect for this sport and the athletes in it. [MORE](#)

## Loving the Sport



*Margot Shumway, above, reacts to her first-place win in single sculls at the 2011 Pan American Games. She and her double scull partner Sarah Trowbridge are training for the chance to represent the United States at the 2012 Olympics. Despite her schedule, Shumway took time for an email interview.*

# اليوم الدولي للعائلات 2012



## International Day of Families 2012

The International Day of Families is observed on May 15 every year.

The theme for 2012 is "ensuring work-family balance" — a tough challenge, given the circumstances facing many families today.

According to the United Nations, 52 percent of women globally are in the labor market. Widespread trends toward smaller households mean extended kin are less available to care for the young and elderly, and employed parents find it difficult to find time to fulfill family responsibilities.

The United Nations urges governments and the private sector to consider methods to create a more family-friendly culture in the workplace. This includes policies that allow parental leave, flexible work hours, and affordable, quality child care. The United Nations also encourages men to do more housework.

اليوم الدولي للعائلات يحتفى به يوم 15 أيار/مايو من كل عام

إن شعار هذا اليوم للعام 2012 هو "ضمان التوازن بين العمل والعائلة" وهو تحد عسير في ضوء الظروف التي تواجهها العديد من الأسر في يومنا هذا.

وطبقا لأرقام الأمم المتحدة، فإن نسبة 52 في المئة من النساء في العالم هن في سوق العمل. والاتجاهات الواسعة الانتشار التي تميل باتجاه أسر أقل عددًا تعني أن الأقارب أو ذوي القربى ضمن العائلة الواحدة يتوفر لديهم وقت أقل لرعاية الصغار والمسنين فيما يكون من الصعب على الأبوين الموظفين إيجاد متسع من الوقت للقيام بمسؤوليات عائلية.

وتحث الأمم المتحدة حكومات الدول والقطاعات الخاصة على دراسة اعتماد طرق لإيجاد ثقافة أكثر تواؤما مع الأسر في أماكن العمل. ومن بين تلك الأساليب، تبني سياسات تسمح بإجازات للأبوين ومرونة في تحديد ساعات العمل، ورعاية ذات نوعية للأطفال تكون أسعارها في المتناول. كما تشجع الأمم المتحدة الرجال على تولي قدر أكبر من الأعمال المنزلية.

وكانت الجمعية العامة للأمم المتحدة قد أعلنت هذا اليوم المكرس للعائلة في عام 1993 لزيادة التوعية بالقضايا الاقتصادية والاجتماعية التي تؤثر على العائلات والكامنة في صميم كل مجتمع.



## America House in Jerusalem

is pleased to announce the following upcoming program  
at our new location in the U.S. Consulate building on Nablus Road

### Open Hours for the library during May:

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 2:00 PM – 5:00 PM

*(Please note: The library will be closed on Thursday May 24 and  
Monday, May 28, in observance of Memorial Day)*

Browse our books and magazines.  
Feel free to take a book outside and read in the garden.

## ***English Corner***

Come out and practice your English

**Tuesday, May 22, 2012, 4:00 PM at America House**

Are you trying to improve your English? Do you find yourself too shy to speak sometimes?

Come to America House and join us for some casual English conversation practice. All levels are welcome – we'll split into groups based on levels. No tests! no quizzes! - just plain fun. This session is for high school and college youth ages 14 and up.

Please bring a picture with you to the session. The picture should be of something that is important to you (examples: your breakfast, your school books, your computer, etc). You can either bring a printed photo, or save the picture to your cell phone. We will use this picture in the activity.

For those of you who have a high level of English, we encourage you to come and join us too and help others to improve their English.

*Please let us know if you can join us, by e-mailing [JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov](mailto:JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov). Also, feel free to bring a friend.*

## ***Coming Soon!***

Invitation to join the America House Film Club  
and  
Quiz Night event

*To be added to America House's mailing list, please e-mail [JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov](mailto:JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov)  
America House is the U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem's cultural center In East Jerusalem and was established in 2010.*

# **America House - Call for Proposals**

***Application deadline: June 4, 2012***

America House opens its second call for small grant proposals and is looking for innovative projects/programs to be implemented in Jerusalem that focus on one or more of the following:

- Improve mutual understanding, dialogue, cooperation between Jerusalemites and Americans;
- Address a cultural, educational, economic, or social issue/ need in the community; and
- Promote shared values and culture.

In addition, proposals should address one or more of these topics:

- Educational
- Civil Society and Democracy
- Social Media
- Cultural
- Youth Engagement
- Science and Technology
- Women Empowerment
- People Living with Disabilities

Grants may be awarded up to a maximum of US\$10,000. Proposals that include multiple sources of funding and creative techniques to reduce costs will receive favorable consideration. Working with other partner organizations is encouraged.

## **Eligibility Criteria:**

1. The applying organization should be a nongovernmental and/or nonprofit organization.
2. Projects should be implemented in Jerusalem and involve primarily Jerusalem participants.
3. Requested budget should not exceed US\$10,000.

## **Instructions for Applying for a Grant:**

- Application may be submitted in English or Arabic
- Send your application in a **Microsoft Word** format
- Limit your grant proposal to a maximum of five (7) **pages (not including CV's)**

**All applications should include a complete grant proposal. The application deadline is June 4, 2012.**

All proposals and questions should be directed to the following email:

JerusalemAmericaHouse@state.gov

Closing date for application is June 4, 2012. Successful applicants will be notified by June 25, 2012.

Good luck with your proposals!

## **Public Affairs Section Small Grants Program**

The Public Affairs Section of the US Consulate General Jerusalem runs a Small Grants Program designed to assist Palestinian organizations in carrying out programs in several priority areas. These

## **برنامج المنح الصغيرة في قسم العلاقات العامة**

تسهيل المشاركة الفلسطينية في المؤتمرات الأكاديمية المقامة في الولايات المتحدة أو التي تديرها المعاهد الأمريكية.

**Fairhaven Project: Science-Maritime Education Program**

The Fairhaven Project at the Northeast Maritime Institute (NMI) brings three Palestinians and three Israelis (between 17-19 years old) to the U.S. to NMI's facilities in Fairhaven, Massachusetts from July 1th through August 4th, 2012. NMI covers the visa expenses, round-trip airfare and food and living expenses. The goal is to promote science-maritime education and cooperation between neighboring peoples.

For more information about the program: <http://www.northeastmaritime.com>.

NMI Contact information:

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**Deadline: June 1, 2012.**

**The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem Announces the 2013 Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program**

The U.S. Consulate General in Jerusalem and the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) are pleased to announce the Fulbright Foreign Language Teaching Assistant (FLTA) Program for FY 2013.

The Fulbright FLTA Program is a nine-month non-degree program that provides young teachers of English an opportunity to refine their teaching skills, increase their English language proficiency, and extend their knowledge of the society and culture of the United States. FLTAs work as teaching assistants for their native language (Arabic) to U.S. students, thus strengthening foreign language instruction at U.S. colleges and universities. Fulbright FLTA participants also interact with their host communities in conversation groups, extracurricular activities, and community outreach projects. Fulbright FLTA participants must return to their home countries upon completion of the program.

**Deadline: July 30, 2012.**