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Sarah Moten



Sarah Moten's keynote presentation is titled:

"Rebuilding Sustainable Communities in the African Context"

Sarah E. Moten, Ed.D., is Chief of the USAID Africa Bureau Office of Sustainable Development, Education Division. The Education Division is comprised of the Africa Education Initiative (AEI) and Basic Education core programs. As Division Chief, Dr. Moten manages a team of education professionals that provides guidance and technical assistance to 21 African bilateral education programs which provides \$175 million per year. She is the manager for President Bush's Africa Education Initiative which will provide \$600 million of funds to support Africa's education programs in teacher training, working with marginalized populations, textbooks and learning materials development and production, and the provision of girls' scholarships. HIV/AIDS mitigation and prevention, and parent and community participation in education are cross-cutting themes. In addition, Dr. Moten manages a \$30 million School Fees Program that works with countries to develop a holistic approach to education to provide access and opportunities for children to stay in school until completion of high a school. In 2007, Dr. Sarah Moten was appointed by the Director of Foreign Assistance and Administrator of USAID to be the Deputy Coordinator of Basic Education, Department of State which over four years will provide \$525 million. Dr. Moten was Director of International Affairs at the University of the District of Columbia; an International Affairs Consultant; Special Assistant to the President Emerita for the National Council of Negro Women; Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Refugee Assistance (Department of State); and Peace Corps Country Director in Swaziland, Kenya and Sierra Leone. Dr. Moten has expertise in the areas of Diplomacy, Education, Refugee Affairs, Population Issues, Women and Children Issues, Economic Development and Environmental Policies. She has traveled extensively and has spoken to audiences in many countries. Sarah Moten has an earned Doctorate from Clark Atlanta University and Honorary Doctorates from Elizabeth City State University, Chicago State University and University of Massachusetts, Boston. In 2008 Dr. Moten received The Medal of Freedom from The Foundation for Democracy in Africa and Swarthmore's Worldwide Award for Women in Education and Government.

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