# RE: meeting to discuss digital democracy and the Summit for Democracy

**[redacted]@meta.com Molly Montgomery** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 at 10:55:17 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: cdoten@usaid.gov Christopher Doten, vzakem@usaid.gov Vera Zakem

Vera – congratulations; we look forward to hearing about your new role!

Chris, would 1:30-2:30pm Wednesday Feb 8 or 2-3pm Thursday Feb 9 work?

Thanks!

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**From:** Christopher Doten <cdoten@usaid.gov>
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 31, 2023 10:42 AM
**To:** Vera Zakem <vzakem@usaid.gov>
**Cc:** Molly Montgomery <[redacted]@meta.com>
**Subject:** Re: meeting to discuss digital democracy and the Summit for Democracy

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Hi Molly - if you can let me know some times that work on your side we can see what's available for our folks. Thanks!

On Mon, Jan 30, 2023 at 5:50 PM Vera Zakem <vzakem@usaid.gov> wrote:

> For this one - it's not an admin, but someone else on the team to arrange this.
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> This is also to re-intro me as the new cddro :)
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> On Mon, Jan 30, 2023 at 2:56 PM Molly Montgomery <[redacted]@meta.com> wrote:
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> > Excellent. Who is your admin to figure out a time?
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> > Hope you had a good weekend!
> >
> > Molly

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**From:** Vera Zakem <vzakem@usaid.gov>
**Sent:** Monday, January 30, 2023 1:24 PM
**To:** Molly Montgomery <[redacted]@meta.com>
**Cc:** Brian Rice <[redacted]@meta.com>; Lorri Anne Meils <lmeils@usaid.gov>; Lisa Poggiali <lpoggiali@usaid.gov>; Christopher Doten <cdoten@usaid.gov>; Sabeen Dhanani <sdhanani@usaid.gov>; John O'Bryan <jobryan@usaid.gov>; Miranda Sissons <[redacted]@meta.com>
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Great.

Let's aim for next week.

On Mon, Jan 30, 2023 at 10:54 AM Molly Montgomery <[redacted]@meta.com> wrote:

> Vera,
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> Thanks for reaching out. We'd be happy to get something on the calendar later this week or next week to discuss the issues you raise below. We'll work with your team on scheduling.
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> Cheers,
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> Molly

**From:** Vera Zakem <vzakem@usaid.gov>
**Sent:** Thursday, January 26, 2023 6:45 PM
**To:** Molly Montgomery <[redacted]@meta.com>; Brian Rice <[redacted]@meta.com>
**Cc:** Lorri Anne Meils <lmeils@usaid.gov>; Lisa Poggiali <lpoggiali@usaid.gov>; Christopher Doten <cdoten@usaid.gov>; Sabeen Dhanani <sdhanani@usaid.gov>; John O'Bryan <jobryan@usaid.gov>; Miranda Sissons <[redacted]@meta.com>
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And of course Miranda

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On Thu, Jan 26, 2023 at 6:44 PM Vera Zakem <vzakem@usaid.gov> wrote:

> Brian and Molly,
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> I hope you are both doing great!
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> As you know, USAID has been actively involved in the Summit for Democracy and we have used this past "Year of Action" between Summits to expand our efforts to advance digital democracy and strengthen information resilience in countries where we operate.
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> We have a number of updates to share with you and your colleagues!
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> Would it be possible to get a meeting on the calendar to chat with you and your team about our respective priorities in this space and opportunities for collaboration? In particular, we would like to discuss the following:
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> - Launch of the Agency's Advancing Digital Democracy initiative in 2023 and opportunities for partnership;
> - Agency's role in donor coordination under the FOC;
> - Meta's plans to engage in the March 2023 Summit for Democracy;
> - Efforts to strengthen information resilience; and
> - A 30-40 minute consultation on USAID's forthcoming Digital Democracy Principles through which we will articulate the Agency's affirmative vision for digital democracy and strengthen our do-no-harm approach for our digital work. We believe private sector perspectives are critical for getting this right! We don't anticipate that everyone joining the broader conversation would need to stay on for this more narrow discussion, though we would appreciate it if folks working on human rights and democracy are able to join.
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> Are you available to meet the week of January 30th or the following for an hour? Many thanks in advance for your time and we look forward to connecting with you.
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> Thanks very much,
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> Vera

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