Re: WWU update for the Administrator

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Hi Vera,

Received, thank you.

Best,
Fereena

On Tue, Oct 4, 2022 at 11:19 AM Vera Zakem <vzakem@usaid.gov> wrote:

Hi Alexa,

I hope you are doing well!

Please see below DRG's entry for the WWU update for the Administrator. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks! Vera

USAID Information Resilience Council Launch. On October 3, USAID launched the Information Resilience Council, an Agency-wide effort to develop solutions to dis/mis/mal information, and the impact that weaponization of information, online hate speech and harassment have on democracy, all sectors of development, and marginalized communities we serve all over the world. The Council will be led by Vera Zakem of DDI/DRG, and include representation across all regional bureaus, as well as SEC, LPA, PPL, DDI, BHA, GH, and M bureaus. The Council will convene AAs and DAAs roughly every 6-8 weeks; its core work will be done by an Agency-wide working group, co-led by Meral Karan of DDI/DRG/Democracy, Research, and Innovation, and Chris Runyan from the Africa Bureau front office. This working group will focus on four lines of effort: optimizing USAID's programs in addressing mis/dis/malinformation; mitigating operational risk to the Agency; communication and crisis response; and external engagement with the technology sector, the interagency, our implementing partners, and Congress. Working group members will subdivide to work on these key priorities. The next technical working group meeting will occur on Monday, October 17.

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