



Program Postponement (Information Statement 3)

Due to the US Embassy in Cairo providing visas to only half of the Egyptian Fellows for the US program that was planned to begin on May 5 2013, the Board of Governors of the Foundation have decided to postpone the program.

The East-West: The Art of Dialogue initiative is a cross cultural educational program that focuses in its first program on emerging leaders from Egypt and the US in the fields of art, media, law, science and both social and business entrepreneurship.

The fact that half the Egyptian Fellows did not receive visas and are unable to join the program undermines the initiative's objectives and totally distorts the aim of knowledge sharing, joint experience and ability to undertake collaborative joint projects.

The Foundation regrets postponing the initiative after a huge investment of time, resources and effort has been put in place for over 9 months to implement this vastly important bridge building program between American and Egyptian emerging leaders.

This development is but an example of the multiple challenges that bridge building is facing. Such developments also cause misperception and a serious gap in understanding at a time when the reverse is very much needed.

More information will be made in due course.