



Global Security and Cooperation Initiative 2007 Grantees



Climate Change: Domestic Energy Policy, U.S. Foreign Policy and Ensuring International Cooperation

Friends of the Earth (Collaboration)

Bringing a Development Perspective to the U.S. Policy on Climate Change

Friends of the Earth (FoE) seeks to reshape the U.S. policy debate on climate change by highlighting the impacts of climate change on developing countries. FoE will undertake its project in collaboration with the US Climate Action Network, ActionAid, Oxfam, Oil Change International, the Center for American Progress and the Jubilee Campaign. They will advocate for policies that will dramatically reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while simultaneously addressing the billions of dollars in adaptation needs of developing countries.

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (Collaboration)

Platform for Climate Leadership

The Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) and World Resources Institute (WRI) are launching a partnership on energy security and climate change. The organizations will combine their institutional strengths to undertake targeted research and strategy development for implementing an effective U.S. climate change and energy policy framework. Through this cooperative effort WRI and CSIS will develop a policy strategy for the next administration to address these crucial issues, both domestically and internationally.

Energy Action Coalition

Campus Climate Challenge

The Connect US Fund will support Energy Action's Campus Climate Challenge, a broad program of student organizing and advocacy on climate change issues throughout the country.

Campus Progress

Connecting Groups in Common Cause for Progress on Climate Change

Campus Progress will work with young people and organizations -- through public education and media work, journalism programs, and events -- to promote policy changes at the campus, local, national, and global levels to advance cleaner and more sustainable energy practices. Campus Progress also will work on youth programs that support U.S. global engagement.

The National Priorities Project

Energy Priorities

The National Priorities Project, a Massachusetts based NGO focusing on the federal budget, will advocate for greater efforts at energy conservation and renewable energy programs, and for decreased subsidies for fossil fuels, while framing energy in the context of a larger national security strategy. They will prepare and present budget-related material on the national security costs of fossil fuel-based energy policy, and the lack of funding for alternative energy; develop accessible materials for distribution and interaction with the activist community; and promote public education on these issues.



Promoting Effective Regimes Relating to Nuclear Weapons and Weaponization of Space

The Peace and Security Initiative

Impacting Nuclear Weapons Debate and Policy: Strengthening Connections between the Grassroots and the Foreign Policy Corridors

The Peace and Security Initiative (PSI) will engage policymakers on nuclear weapons issues, and strengthen NGO collaborative efforts designed to insert nuclear weapons issues into the national election debate. PSI will continue its efforts to bring the think tank community together with activists, as well as to strengthen connections between activists inside and outside the Beltway and identify opportunities for influence.

The New America Foundation

Reducing the Role of Nuclear Weapons in International Security – An Action Plan for the 44th President of the United States

The New America Foundation will undertake a project on “Reducing the Role of Nuclear Weapons in International Security.” New America will create a ten-person, bipartisan steering committee to guide a policy development effort designed to encourage the next President to announce (1) major revisions to U.S. nuclear weapons policy and posture and 2) a new diplomatic campaign to strengthen international nonproliferation institutions.

The World Security Institute (WSI)

Compact to Eliminate Nuclear Weapons and Space Security Project

WSI is intensifying its research on the dangers stemming from nuclear weapons proliferation, terrorism and prompt launch operational postures, as well as its work highlighting the strategic, political, technical and economic questions surrounding the potential weaponization of space and promoting international cooperation on these issues.

The Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation

Laying the Groundwork for Renewed Progress on Nuclear Arms Control

Connect US will support the Center's efforts to reinvigorate nonproliferation efforts, with a focus on laying the foundation for the ratification of the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty and for further reductions in U.S. and Russian arsenals, and ensuring legally-binding verification measures.

The NRDC Nuclear Program (Collaboration)

Consolidating the U.S. Nuclear Weapons Research and Production Complex

The Connect US Fund will support a major collaborative effort to reinforce the political demand at the local, national and international levels for increased control and reduction of nuclear arsenals by pressing the environmental, budgetary and security cases for major consolidation of the US nuclear weapons complex." The members of the collaborative include the NRDC, the Project on Government Oversight, Nuclear Watch New Mexico, Tri-Valley CAREs of Livermore, California, Peace Farm of Texas, and PeaceWorks of Kansas City.



Human Rights: Reestablishing U.S. Credibility and Leadership

Human Rights First

Putting an End to Torture and Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment

Connect US will support efforts by Human Rights First to ensure that U.S. detention and interrogation practices are consistent with U.S. values and international human rights standards. HRF will work to make sure that the voices of experienced military leaders who oppose torture and cruel treatment are heard by candidates and their campaign staffs and media and opinion leaders. HRF will also mobilize grassroots activists to question and engage the candidates on the issue of ending torture.

Physicians for Human Rights

Employing Health Professional Knowledge and Voice to End Torture

PHR will engage the medical community in a program to end torture by the United States; prevent cruel and inhuman treatment of detainees in U.S. military custody, and ensure that the perspectives of this critical health professional constituency are injected into the public debate surrounding the election campaign.

The Center for Victims of Torture (Collaboration)

Reorienting U.S. Counterterrorism Strategy

In collaboration with the National Religious Campaign Against Torture, CVT will undertake an advocacy effort directed largely at the faith community and key leadership in the military, foreign policy and security policy sectors, around an effort to reorient U.S. counterterrorism policy toward a strategy based on respect for human rights and international human rights law.

The Center for National Security Studies

Effective Counterterrorism Instead of a Global War on Terror Project

Connect US will support a CNSS project in partnership with the Brennan Center for Justice at NYU to advocate a legal and policy regime to replace the 'global war on terror' paradigm, with an approach that recognizes that law enforcement as well as military force is an important tool for counterterrorism and that respect for the rule of law and individual rights are critical to a successful counterterrorism policy.



Civil-Military Relations and Responsible U.S. Global Engagement

The Center for U.S. Global Engagement

Military Outreach Program

Connect US will provide support for the Center's Military Outreach Program, as part of the Center's Impact '08 campaign. The Center will appoint a "Connect US Fellow" to develop the program, through the convening of a Military Working Group and development of an Impact '08 National Security Advisory Council. Both will be part of an overall program of military support for the use of non-military tools critical to our national security.

Refugees International (Collaboration)

International Stability Project: Promoting Peace Through Responsible U.S. Global Engagement

In collaboration, Refugees International and The Stimson Center will assess the implications of America's growing reliance on military instruments for the country's image and interests abroad. The collaboration will seek to develop and promote alternative policies that strengthen U.S. civilian capacity for overseas engagement, improve civil-military coordination, and restore the balance between civilian and military institutions.

The White House Project

Real Security Initiative

Through a series of civilian-military dialogues, the White House Project (WHP) will seek to improve the capacity of women to engage the national security policy debate and to advance a concept of security that both addresses threats revealed by 9/11 and moves past old Cold War thinking. Central to this effort will be a series of events bringing together a cross section of women leaders with military veterans in small security dialogues and larger community conversations in Minnesota, New Mexico, Florida, Georgia, Colorado, California, Nevada and Wisconsin. They also plan a nationally coordinated media strategy in 2008 to address issues surrounding the Iraq war and national security, including suggestions for problem solving policy ideas aimed both at candidates and elected leaders.



International Trade and Development Policy

The Center for Global Development

Campaign 2008: Informing the Global Development Debate

Connect US will support the Center for Global Development's Campaign 2008 strategy, the goals of which are 1) greater and more effective development assistance (including the creation of a Cabinet level official for development policy), and trade reform, including reduction of subsidies and tariff reduction; 2) a more balanced approach to civil-military relations that emphasizes the tools of diplomacy, development assistance and trade; and 3) greater emphasis on the development aspects (and costs) of climate change.

Demos (Collaboration)

Trade, Equity and Development: A New Approach

In partnership with the World Policy Institute and CivWorld, Demos will undertake a project entitled "Trade, Equity and Development: A New Approach." The effort will focus on strengthening international institutions to support worker rights, supporting civil society in developing nations (to promote indigenous capacity to ensure economic rights), injecting labor standards into trade policies, developing labor market policies that promote economic adjustment and social insurance, and ensuring more effective international regulation on issues such as food safety and the environment.

The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Mainstreaming Development in the United States in the 2008 Campaign

Connect US will provide major support for the GMF project, Mainstreaming Development in the US 2008 Campaign. Noting that the U.S. and the EU account for the overwhelming share of development assistance, GMF will establish a US-European Commission to build consensus around greater policy coherence – and a greater U.S. commitment – both to development policy and trade reform.

The Initiative for Global Development

IGD Advocacy Program

The Initiative for Global Development, a national network of over 300 business leaders in 11 cities across the country, will embark on a multifaceted effort to engage the candidates in support of a new global development agenda in the next administration. IGD seeks to reform trade-distorting subsidies for agricultural products, expand trade preference programs and eliminate trade barriers for developing countries, reauthorize Trade Promotion Authority, fully fund the Millennium Challenge Corporation, and increase private investment and cross-sector collaboration among business, government agencies and NGOs.

Bread for the World*Policy Action on International Trade and Development*

Connect US will support Bread for the World's campaign to promote "more and better international development assistance and reforms in agriculture, food and trade policies to reduce global hunger and poverty." Their policy goals include increases in foreign aid focused on long term, sustainable poverty reduction, incorporation of MDGs in trade and development policy, foreign aid reform such as establishment of a cabinet-level department focused on development, and U.S. leadership in the Doha Round, especially on agricultural liberalization and better market access for poor countries.

New Rules for Global Finance Coalition, Inc.*Strengthening U.S. Leadership in advocating governance reforms of the International Monetary Fund for more equitable development*

New Rules will urge foreign policy advisers of the presidential campaigns to advocate for governance reforms of international financial institutions (IFIs), regarding leadership selection, transparency, and responsiveness to developing country concerns—all in the service of speeding effective poverty reduction.

***Multi-issue Projects*****The National Security Initiative***Progressive National Security Speakers Bureau*

The National Security Initiative will sponsor a national security speakers' bureau promoting responsible global engagement. They will undertake a program of expert engagement with activists and community groups around the country in dozens of fora throughout the year.

Partnership for a Secure America*The Secure America Challenge: Five Critical Questions for Presidential Leadership*

The Partnership for a Secure America (PSA) is a group of Democrats and Republicans dedicated to restoring America's proud tradition of bipartisan cooperation in national security and foreign policy. In a year-long campaign, PSA will collaborate with like-minded organizations across the country to foster debate on key foreign policy and national security questions facing the next President. The questions will address the nuclear terror threat, energy security and climate change, development, human rights, and a rising China.

Citizens for Global Solutions Education Fund*Communication, Connection and Cooperation: Bridging the Foreign Policy Gap Project*

Focusing on climate change, human rights and civil-military relations, Citizens for Global Solutions will provide resources to help educate and connect community activists to one another, as well as to experts working inside the Beltway.

Americans for Informed Democracy
Restoring American Leadership Project

Americans for Informed Democracy, a nation-wide student advocacy group, will work with a range of NGOs to “connect student leaders in eight target states with NGOs in the foreign policy corridor and to equip these students with the knowledge, resources and skills to lead campaigns” related to climate change, nuclear weapons, trade and development and human rights.