

Abidjan to (i) improve overall travel times, traffic movement, and road safety; (ii) integrate multi-modal transport planning; and (iii) reduce household transport costs and increase revenue for businesses.

• *Transport Management and Planning Activity:* This activity aims to build the technical and managerial capacity of Côte d'Ivoire's road-transport-related agencies in the areas of infrastructure asset-management techniques, and long-term road planning and maintenance. MCC funding will include the following: (i) The creation, development and institutionalization of a graduate education program in infrastructure asset management; (ii) the development of a road asset inventory and database, as well as a road safety database for Abidjan; (iii) traffic management and coordination assistance; and (iv) the development and expansion of a program that provides routine cleaning, upkeep and maintenance of the road and bridge network in Abidjan.

Economic Analysis

The estimated economic rate of return (ERR) for the Skills Project is 10.6 percent over 20 years. The project seeks to improve student learning outcomes and increase the number of years that students attend school. Both of these benefits are expected to increase future lifetime earnings for the participating students. The Technical and Vocational Education and Training Activity is expected to result in students acquiring specific, market-demanded skills through additional years of schooling, which results in higher employment rates and higher lifetime earnings.

The estimated ERR for the Abidjan Transport Project is 22.6 percent over 20 years. While vehicle operating costs and time savings are expected to be the immediate microeconomic benefits of the project, the project is also expected to contribute to the economy of Côte d'Ivoire's largest city by improving access to jobs, goods, and social services.

Overall, the compact is expected to benefit at least 11,300,000 people over 20 years. Approximately 300,000 Skills Project beneficiaries are expected to be Abidjan residents and therefore also beneficiaries of the Abidjan Transport Project; accordingly, they have been deducted from the total number of compact beneficiaries to avoid double counting.

Policy Reform and the Compact

MCC and Côte d'Ivoire have agreed on several policy reform areas to support the sustainability of the compact

program. In the Skills Project, Côte d'Ivoire will allocate sufficient annual public expenditures for lower secondary education and TVET to support and maintain MCC's investments by providing adequate teachers and budgets for secondary schools and operational subsidies for TVET centers. Côte d'Ivoire will also develop, institutionalize, and operationalize a national gender policy for the education sector in order to help rectify gender disparities in the Ivoirian education system. Finally, MCC plans to contribute to the modernization of the country's outdated and ineffective teacher training program and, through the TVET investment, help the government transition from being an ineffective service provider to being a regulator and financier of training provided in TVET centers that are operated by and for the private sector.

In the Abidjan Transport Project, MCC's assistance will be accompanied by reforms designed to improve the governance and financial sustainability of Côte d'Ivoire's road maintenance fund. In particular, Côte d'Ivoire will increase the amount of revenue allocated to the road fund over the life of the compact, reduce the debt burden currently held by the road fund, and increase road user participation in the governance structure of the road fund in order to create a more market-oriented entity. Côte d'Ivoire has also agreed on mechanisms to eliminate illegal truck parking in the zone around the Port of Abidjan, which is expected to contribute significantly to the reduction of traffic congestion in this important area of the city.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: (17-085)]

NASA Heliophysics Advisory Committee Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Heliophysics Advisory Committee. This Committee reports to the Director, Heliophysics Division, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters. The meeting will be held for the purpose of soliciting, from the

scientific community and other persons, scientific and technical information relevant to program planning.

DATES: Wednesday, November 29, 2017, 1:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.; Thursday, November 30, 2017, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.; and December 1, 2017, 9:00 a.m.–3:45 p.m., Local Time.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546. Room number on November 29 will be Room 5H41; on November 30, Room 7H41–A; and on December 1, Room 5H41–A.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. KarShelia Henderson, Science Mission Directorate, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358–2355, fax (202) 358–2779, or khenderson@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the capacity of the room. This meeting will also be available telephonically and by WebEx. You must use a touch-tone phone to participate in this meeting. Any interested person may dial the USA toll free conference call number 1–888–603–8921 or toll number 1–312–470–7052, passcode 9896208, to participate in this meeting by telephone for all three days. The WebEx link is <https://nasa.webex.com/>; on November 29 the meeting number is 999 227 289 and the password is HPAC2017!, and on November 30 and December 1 the meeting number is 995 903 023 and the password is HPAC2017@.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Heliophysics Division Update
- Government Performance and Results Modernization Act (GPRAMA) Discussion and Recommendations
 - Senior Review of Operating Missions Outbrief
 - Heliophysics Research and Analysis Program
 - Heliophysics Science Centers Program
 - Discussion of NASA High End Computing (HEC) and Future High-Performance Computing Resources for the Heliophysics Community

The agenda will be posted on the Heliophysics Advisory Committee Web page: <https://science.nasa.gov/researchers/nac/science-advisory-committees/hpac>.

It is imperative that the meeting be held on this date to accommodate the

scheduling priorities of the key participants.

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NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[Notice: 17-086]

NASA Advisory Council; Technology, Innovation and Engineering Committee; Meeting

AGENCY: National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) announces a meeting of the Technology, Innovation and Engineering Committee of the NASA Advisory Council (NAC). This Committee reports to the NAC.

DATES: Tuesday, December 5, 2017, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m., Local Time.

ADDRESSES: NASA Headquarters, Room 6H41, 300 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20546.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Mike Green, Designated Federal Officer, NAC Technology, Innovation and Engineering Committee, NASA Headquarters, Washington, DC 20546, (202) 358-4710, or g.m.green@nasa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. This meeting is also available telephonically and by WebEx. You must use a touch-tone phone to participate in this meeting. Any interested person may dial the toll free access number 1-844-467-6272, and then the numeric participant passcode 102421 followed by the # sign. The WebEx link is <https://nasa.webex.com/>, the meeting number is 992 536 780, and the password is “6djb792*” (case sensitive). **Note:** If dialing in, please “mute” your telephone. The agenda for the meeting includes the following topics:

- Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD) Update
- Small Spacecraft Technology Program Report Response
- Kilopower Project Update
- System Capabilities and Engineering Research and Analysis Update
- Space Technology Investment Plan Update

- STMD Strategy Framework Update
- Space Technology Research Institutes Update

Attendees will be requested to sign a register and to comply with NASA security requirements, including the presentation of a valid picture ID, before receiving access to NASA Headquarters. Foreign nationals attending this meeting will be required to provide a copy of their passport and visa in addition to providing the following information no less than 10 working days prior to the meeting: Full name; gender; date/place of birth; citizenship; visa information (number, type, expiration date); passport information (number, country, expiration date); employer/affiliation information (name of institution, address, country, telephone); title/position of attendee; and home address to Ms. Anyah Dembling via email at anyah.dembling@nasa.gov or by telephone at (202) 358-5195. U.S. citizens and Permanent Residents (green card holders) are requested to submit their name and affiliation no less than three working days prior to the meeting to Ms. Anyah Dembling. It is imperative that this meeting be held on this day to accommodate the scheduling priorities of the key participants.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Sunshine Act Meeting; National Science Board

The National Science Board, pursuant to NSF regulations (45 CFR part 614), the National Science Foundation Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862n-5), and the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), hereby gives notice of the scheduling of a teleconference for the transaction of National Science Board business, as follows:

TIME AND DATE: Closed teleconference of the Committee on Strategy of the National Science Board, to be held Monday, November 27, 2017 from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. EST.

PLACE: This meeting will be held by teleconference at the National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Committee Chair’s opening remarks; Committee feedback on NSF’s draft Strategic Plan;

and Committee and Board engagement on the FY 2020 budget development process.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Point of contact for this meeting is: Kathy Jacquart, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314. Telephone: (703) 292-8000. You may find meeting information and updates (time, place, subject matter or status of meeting) at <https://www.nsf.gov/nsb/meetings/notices.jsp#sunshine>.

Chris Blair,

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meeting:

Name and Committee Code: Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee (#13883).

Date and Time: January 25, 2018; 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. January 26, 2018; 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Place: National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314, Room E3450.

Type of Meeting: Open.

Contact Person: Dr. Christopher Davis, Program Director, Division of Astronomical Sciences, Suite W 9136, National Science Foundation, 2415 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22314; Telephone: 703-292-4910.

Purpose of Meeting: To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

Agenda: To hear presentations of current programming by representatives from NSF, NASA, DOE and other agencies relevant to astronomy and astrophysics; to discuss current and potential areas of cooperation between the agencies; to formulate recommendations for continued and new areas of cooperation and mechanisms for achieving them.

Dated: November 15, 2017.

Crystal Robinson,

Committee Management Officer.

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