

**NACo International Economic Development Task Force:
Conference Call Agenda**

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Meeting Agenda

- Call to Order and Welcome – The Hon. Larry Johnson, Commissioner, DeKalb County, Ga.
- Roll Call
- Introduction of Speakers
- Introductory Comments from Karen Richardson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Public Affairs, U.S. State Department
- Presentation from Robert Manogue, Director, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, U.S. State Department
 - Topic of Presentation: The Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), current U.S. trade relations with the countries involved, the debate around TPP and how it could affect both American businesses and county leaders.
- Q & A
- Closing and Announcements

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Speaker Information



Karen Richardson is Deputy Assistant Secretary in the Bureau of Public Affairs at the U.S. State Department. From January 2009 to February 2014, she worked at the White House as Associate Director in the Office of Public Engagement and Intergovernmental Affairs. In this role, she was responsible for developing and managing domestic outreach to NGOs, advocacy organizations, and constituency groups, in close coordination with the White House National Security Staff, to promote the President's position on a broad range of foreign policy issues.

Born in Washington, D.C. and raised in Los Angeles, California, Ms. Richardson has a B.A. from Howard University, a J.D. from Howard University School of Law, and a Masters in International Affairs from the London School of Economics.



Robert D. Manogue, the Director of the Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs for the U.S. State Department, manages an office that helps advance the United States' international trade and economic goals, such as the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) and the TransAtlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (T-TIP) free trade agreements. Previously, Mr. Manogue served in the economic sections of the U.S. Embassy in Bogota, Colombia, and Lima, Peru. He also worked on negotiating free trade agreements between the U.S. and Latin America.

Prior to joining the State Department, Mr. Manogue worked as an international economist at the Commerce Department. Before entering government service, he worked for Bankers Trust Company and the fashion company Perry Ellis, both in New York. Mr. Manogue holds a B.A. from Saint Lawrence University and a M.A. from the University of Chicago.