

Hearing on “FY2022 Budget and U.S. – Africa Relations”

U.S. House of Representatives

House Foreign Affairs Committees

Subcommittee on Africa, Global Health, and Global Human Rights

Dr. Diana Putman

Dr. Diana B. Putman is the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for East Africa and for the Office of Development Planning in the Africa Bureau. A career Senior Foreign Service Officer, Dr. Putman has spent most of her life overseas and has worked for USAID for 36 years. Most recently she was Mission Director in Timor-Leste for three years (2016-2019). She served before that for five years as Mission Director in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) while overseeing and providing regional services for the Central African Regional Program for the Environment (CARPE), the Central African Republic, the Republic of Congo, and Counter-Lord's Resistance Army activities. Dr. Putman has three degrees in Anthropology from Bryn Mawr College, a Masters in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, and studied at the Universite de Grenoble. Dr. Putman has received numerous individual and group awards from USAID, State, and the Department of Defense. She is especially proud to have received a State Department Award for Heroism, one of AFSA's awards for Constructive Dissent, and the Washington Association for Practicing Anthropologists Praxis Award.