

News Alert from People to People International – Delaware Chapter

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## **U.S.- South Africa Relations: Where Are We Now?** U.S. Policy Forum

**Who:** Margaret B. Diop  
**Senior South Africa Desk Officer**  
U.S. Department of State

**What:** U.S. Foreign Policy Forum

**Where:** Cokesbury Village  
726 Loveville Road  
Hockessin, DE 19707

**When:** Thursday, February 25, 2010 7pm

Wilmington, DE – People to People International - Delaware, in partnership with World Trade Center Delaware, will be hosting Margaret B. Diop, **Senior South Africa Desk Officer, U.S. Department of State** for a U.S. Foreign Policy Forum, on February 25, 2010.

### **What is the current state of relations between the U.S. and South Africa?**

Join People to People International – Delaware Chapter and WTC Delaware for an exchange of views between Margaret Diop of the State Department and the public regarding U.S. South Africa relations.

Margaret Diop presently serves as the Senior South Africa Desk Officer for the U.S. Department of State since September 2009. Previous service experience in Africa included positions in the Peace Corps including Corps Director in Côte d'Ivoire and Country Director in Togo, and Governance Director for USAID in Uganda. Upon joining the U.S. Foreign Service in 2002, Ms. Diop has served throughout the world in U.S. embassies including Accra, Brussels, and Port-Au-Prince. From 2005-2007 she served as Political-Military officer for the U.S. Mission to the European Union.

As Senior South Africa Desk Officer, Ms. Diop provides leadership for the formulation and implementation of U.S. policy toward South Africa. She assists in coordinating U.S. Government policymaking with USAID, Department of Defense, Department of Labor, National Security Council and other agencies on salient South Africa issues. Ms. Diop attended UCLA, where she received her BA in Political Science, MA in African Area Studies, as well as an MA in Business Administration.

To register for this event or to **schedule an interview with Ms. Diop**, please contact Ms. Sean Kathleen Curran at (302) 656-7905 or [scurran@wtcde.com](mailto:scurran@wtcde.com).

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*The format of the Forum will consist of a 30-minute address followed by a question and answer period*

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