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From: Verveer, Melanne S <VerveerMS@state.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 2:54 PM
To: H; doug [redacted]
Cc: Valmoro, Lona J
Subject: RE: Women's events

I've had wonderfully constructive conversations with him and we've got, what we both think is a terrific plan, but he really needs to present it to you. Once we have your feedback, we can move on all of this. It's all very exciting and he's the best.

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From: H [mailto:HDR22@clintonemail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2009 2:36 PM
To: 'doug' [redacted]
Cc: Valmoro, Lona J; Verveer, Melanne S
Subject: Re: Women's events

Doug--I'd like to discuss when you are here for Capricia's swearing in. I'm copying Lona and Melanne so they can schedule. All the best, H

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From: Doug Hattaway [redacted]
To: H
Cc: Cheryl Mills <millscd@state.gov>; Philippe Reines (rhine-es) [redacted]
Sent: Sun Aug 30 19:22:15 2009
Subject: Women's events

Hi! Hope you all are getting some R&R as the summer wanes.

Your Africa trip has generated a lot of visibility and momentum on women's issues. I wanted to follow up on an idea we discussed, when we met a few months ago, for raising the profile of women's issues and creating a unique platform for you in the U.S.

You may recall that Melanne and I were developing ideas for holding events to connect people working on women's issues around the world, and to raise the visibility of the issues in the US.

Whitney Williams has joined us to flesh out a vision for a series of conferences that would bring together policymakers and experts from the field with women you have met around the world - and people at the grassroots level in this country.

Each conference would be followed by a special event featuring musical, cultural and culinary celebrities (yep, celebrity chefs) from the U.S. and other countries to generate visibility online and in the entertainment media, which would reach a lot more people than the policy conference alone.

These events would create connections among people who often work in isolation, and generate ideas for improving policies and practices. They'd also inspire and engage a whole new generation to get involved in global women's issues.

This approach – bringing together policy, grassroots and entertainment aspects – isn't being done by anyone else in the development space. It would be a great way to raise the visibility of the issues, and your work on them, here at home.

We could put on several over the next year, with one on the 15th Anniversary of your UN speech in Beijing.

If you're interested, we'd like the chance to meet with you all to discuss it. (Perhaps we could get together when everyone is in town for Capricia's swearing-in.) Would you like to do that?

Doug