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## Secretary Clinton Joins USAID Administrator Shah to Inaugurate Higher Education Solutions Network



U.S. Department of State

Secretary Clinton and Administrator Shah deliver remarks at USAID's Higher Education Solutions Network event at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C.

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and USAID Administrator Rajiv Shah inaugurated a new Higher Education Solutions Network at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., on November 8.

The **Higher Education Solutions Network**—or HESN—is a constellation of seven Development Labs that will harness the intellectual power of great American and international academic institutions and catalyze the development and application of new science, technology and engineering approaches and tools to solve some of the world's most challenging development problems.

**One of these Labs**, housed at Michigan State University's Global Center for Food Systems Innovation, will develop a sophisticated understanding of mega-trends affecting global food security, including population growth, rapid urbanization, climate change, pressures on land, and skills gaps in the food system workplace. These efforts align directly with Feed the Future's focus on reducing global poverty, hunger and undernutrition.

"Working with USAID's field mission experts and Washington staff, scientists and researchers in these labs will apply the latest science and technology to some of the biggest challenges in development," Secretary Clinton said. "In many parts of the world...rising temperatures and unpredictable rainfall patterns are making it harder for farmers to grow enough food, putting a strain on entire agricultural systems."

- [Read Secretary Clinton's full remarks](#)
- [Learn more](#) about the Higher Education Solutions Network