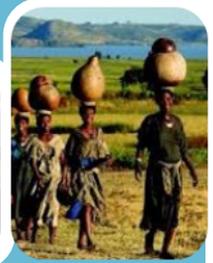


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## Board Member Spotlight:

### Carter M. Reid

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## Time for a New U.S. Approach to Egypt

The terrorist violence that killed at least 33 Egyptian soldiers in the Sinai Peninsula in October was the latest in a string of attacks aimed at destabilizing the country. If Egypt experienced the sort of collapse other countries in the region have witnessed, the consequences for global security would be devastating. There are no easy answers to how Egypt can succeed amid its enormous security, political, economic, and social pressures. But it must remain high on the U.S. policy agenda.

For decades the U.S.-Egypt relationship centered on ensuring the endurance of the peace treaty between Israel and Egypt. But with Egypt's leaders touting their close ties to Israel, it's time for a broader strategy.

Helping Egypt address its many chal-

lenges—particularly when Washington is dealing with threats from Islamic State (ISIS) and nuclear talks with Iran—requires greater dexterity than the U.S. has demonstrated since the start of the Arab uprisings. A bilateral strategic dialogue likely to take place offers a chance to set a different course.

Join us in Spring 2015 where we will further discuss Egypt-US relations.



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## Combating ISIS Beyond a Military Campaign

Much has been said about President Obama's strategy to combat the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria (ISIS), but there is another important factor to ensure success in defeating ISIS beyond a military campaign: careful consideration of the root causes of the rise of ISIS.

The attraction of ISIS to its recruits from the region and globally goes beyond ideology. First, there is a deep sense of distrust among Arab youth in their own governments. Over 91 per-



cent of Arab citizens believe government corruption is widespread and a dismal 21 percent believe the law treats citizens equally. The brutal response by many governments to the Arab Awakening has only exacerbated the situation and fueled sectarian tensions. Now, ISIS is capitalizing on a sense of victimization among Sunni youth.

However, trust in the West is not much better. The seeming impunity of

Israel, continued occupation of Palestinian land, and perceived failure of the West in Syria, Libya and Egypt are seen as proof of the Western nations' double standards. And ISIS is propagating this narrative. This has left many with a third option: an Islamic Caliphate as a seemingly viable option to guaranteeing their rights.

For these reasons, reducing the appeal of ISIS and similar groups requires a long-term comprehensive strategy. Join us on February 10, 2015 as Douglas Ollivant of the New America Foundation further discusses these issues.