

What People Are Saying About MCC

"I do chair the board and I'm very proud and happy to do so. And I have publicly applauded the Bush Administration for both MCC and PEPFAR, which I think were significant advances in how we think about and do development. There have been no conversations that I've been part of or that I'm aware of about curbing the independence of the MCC. I think that there are, as you know, some legislative fixes that need to be done so that compacts can be extended, so that money can be rolled over, and that the mission of the MCC really focused on the kind of conditions-based aid that will change behaviors and increase capacity can be supported more effectively. So I am a strong advocate of the MCC. I think actually some of the lessons that we have learned from the MCC are part of our QDDR process and will be influencing how we do aid elsewhere... I think that, on balance, the MCC has proven itself. I think its independence has been beneficial. But I do want it to be seen as part of our overall efforts. Not that it's going to be in any way undermined, but that it is part of how we deliver aid; it's not some add-on that is stuck out in left field. It is something that is integral to what the United States Government is doing, and it's a model that I happen to hold in high regard."

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton
During testimony before the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee, February 24, 2010

"We are looking at ways to work with international partners to support the development and implementation of country-led water and sanitation plans. The Millennium Challenge Corporation is supporting countries that are committed to making needed reforms, improving governance, and taking on the tough development challenges that surround the issue of water... MCC-supported water programs are improving irrigation systems, rebuilding critical infrastructure, and increasing access to clean water and sanitation. Overall, the MCC has invested \$1.3 billion so far in country-led water programs."

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton
World Water Day
March 22, 2010

"...In recent times we've used wonderful programs like USAID and Millennium Challenge funds to help build the infrastructure of Latin America as well as provide the tools to create jobs that would be sustainable in those countries."

Senator George LeMieux (Florida)
March 5, 2010

"Put me down as a strong supporter... I want to fund movement, movements towards the kinds of developments that are long term, become sustaining, and I think the MCC has that particular vision."

Senator Bob Bennett (Utah)
February 24, 2010

“Here are 10 actionable ideas for global prosperity, some that have been realized, then some currently on the table. Realized or partially realized: (2) An aid agency whose resources are protected from incursions for security and political and diplomatic ends. That is, an agency with its own budget and a mandate to invest in a limited set of very poor countries that meet high standards of ruling justly, meeting the needs of their people, and providing an environment friendly to small businesses. In the United States it exists: the Millennium Challenge Corporation.”

Nancy Birdsall

President, Center for Global Development
The Huffington Post: *It's 2010! Ten Actionable Ideas (Realized and Yet-to-be-realized) for a 21st-Century Global Development Agenda*, February 25, 2010

“The United States invests hundreds of millions of dollars every year in water sector activities around the world. The United States Agency for International Development, or USAID, and the Millennium Challenge Corporation undertake a number of programs to expand access to clean drinking water for those in need, as well as to make more efficient the use of water for food production and economic growth, and work for more sustainable management of watersheds and ecosystems.”

VOA editorial: The Importance of Fresh Water
March 23, 2010

“For example, one role the U.S. government can take in... America’s trade strategy is providing technical assistance to developing countries to enhance trade capacity and improve the practices and policies supporting open markets and international trade. U.S. organizations, such as the Millennium Challenge Corporation, which ties investment to proven progress in economic and other important reforms, play an important role in advancing this objective.”

Daniella Markheim

The Heritage Foundation memo: *National Export Initiative Falls Short as a Winning U.S. Trade Policy*, February 12, 2010