

and other countries where USAID and DoD personnel have shared the same operating space.

The USAID policy was created with input from military leaders, diplomats, and development professionals, and focuses on how collaboration with the military has the potential to “save lives faster than ever before” and addresses persistent challenges that plaque fragile communities. **IAJ**

Simons Center Hosts Cybersecurity Roundtable

On May 14 the Simons Center hosted the CEO Cybersecurity Roundtable at the Kauffman Foundation Conference Center in Kansas City. The event was presented in partnership with the Kansas City chapter of Business Executives for National Security (BENS) and the CGSC Foundation, the Simons Center’s parent organization.

The roundtable provided a forum for discussing cybersecurity threats, challenges, and resources for senior business executives, and was attended by leaders representing 32 companies and organizations from the Kansas City area, including UMB, Sprint, AMC Theaters, H&R Block, Commerce Bank, and KU Medical Center. Interagency organizations including the Kansas City offices of the FBI and Secret Service were represented along with the U.S. Attorney’s office.

A highlight of the roundtable was a case study presented by Mike Brown, Chairman/CEO of Euronet Worldwide, in which Brown discussed his company’s experience with a criminal security breach of its computer systems in 2011. Brown’s presentation was followed by remarks from Rick Harris, from the Department of Homeland Security’s Office of Cybersecurity and Communications, and by three panels which focused on cybersecurity threats, protection, and attack response.

The Simons Center plans to follow up the roundtable with an after action review that can serve as a “CEO Cybersecurity Handbook” for planning and response in the event of a security breach. **IAJ**

State, USAID Release 2015 QDDR

The U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) have released the 2015 Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review (QDDR), *Enduring Leadership in a Dynamic World*. The review was launched in April 2014.

The 2015 QDDR builds on the previous edition, focusing on priority reforms that are crucial to enhancing the effectiveness, agility, and innovative spirit of U.S. diplomacy and development. The QDDR is meant to be the “blueprint for the next generation of American diplomacy,” and centers around four global policy priorities for State and USAID:

1. Preventing and mitigating conflict and violent extremism;
2. Promoting open, resilient, and democratic societies;
3. Advancing inclusive economic growth; and
4. Mitigating and adapting to climate change.

In his executive summary, Secretary of State John Kerry said that State and USAID are mobilizing dynamic partnerships, building broad coalitions, and leading interagency and international teams in confronting current global challenges and fulfilling the missions of both State and USAID.

The QDDR also sets out priorities to support State and USAID staff. **IAJ**