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**UC Davis Welcomes New Humphrey Fellows**

The Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, a unit of Global Affairs, in coordination with International House, welcomed 11 new Humphrey Fellows to the UC Davis campus in August. The Humphrey Program brings experienced, mid-career professionals from designated countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, the Middle East and Eurasia to the United States for 10 months of non-degree study as well as professional affiliation experiences.

This year's fellows come from Pakistan, Morocco, Belarus, Mexico, China, Iran, Thailand, Rwanda, Tunisia and Gabon. All fellows at UC Davis are in fields with a primary focus on natural resources, agriculture and environmental science.

The Humphrey's first big community event takes place on September 30 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at the UC Davis International Center—the new, LEED-certified home of Global Affairs and the Center for International Education. The event provides an opportunity for the fellows to give their introductory presentations on their particular fields of interest and discuss how their study at UC Davis will contribute to improvements in their countries. These initial presentations will focus on Agriculture, Rural Development, Natural Resource Management and Climate Change. **The event is free and open to the public.**



**The 2016-2017 Humphrey  
Fellows**

Over the past few weeks the fellows have become acquainted with the university and Davis community, attending professional skills training in business writing and presentations with UC Davis Extension's Center for International Education. The Fellows have enjoyed visiting the Wednesday night farmers markets and will be volunteering at the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Putah Creek Cleanup, the GRID Alternatives solar installation, and participating in the upcoming International Festival on October 2, where they will be part of the fashion show and flag parade. They look forward to additional cultural, social, professional and community service opportunities throughout the year and can be contacted for volunteer programs or as speakers at various educational or cultural events.

This year's fellows include Adnane Labacci of Morocco, who plans to attend this year's COP22 Accord. COP (Conference of the Parties) is the leading decision-making body of the United Nations on Climate Change. Other fellows include two from Iran, both of whom work in water management; an environmental jurist from the coastal Central African country of Gabon, who will concentrate on wildlife protection and forest management policies; and a biochemical engineer from Mexico who will focus on waste/water management and community empowerment. Complete biographies of our fellows can be found at <http://humphrey.ucdavis.edu/fellows/2016-2017/index.html>.

President Jimmy Carter instituted the Humphrey Fellowship Program in 1978 to honor the late senator and vice-president, a long-time advocate of international cooperation and understanding. Since 1986, UC Davis has hosted more than 261 Humphrey Fellows from 96 countries, our 26<sup>th</sup> cohort.

For more information, visit [Humphrey.ucdavis.edu](http://humphrey.ucdavis.edu), like us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/UCDavisHHH> or contact Nikki Grey Rutamu at [ngreyrutamu@ucdavis.edu](mailto:ngreyrutamu@ucdavis.edu).

- Humphrey Fellows Presentations
- UC Davis International Center, 463 California Ave., Multi-purpose Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor)
- Friday, September 30, from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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