2024 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets

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1. Department or Agency	**2. Fiscal Year**
Department of Agriculture	2024

3. Committee or Subcommittee	**3b. GSA Committee No.**
Advisory Committee on Emerging Markets	1257

4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?	**5. Current Charter**	**6. Expected Renewal Date**	**7. Expected Term Date**
No	04/08/2009		

8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?	**8b. Specific Termination Authority**	**8c. Actual Term Date**
No	7 U.S.C. 1421	

9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear	**10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?**	**10b. Legislation Pending?**
Continue	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

12. Specific Establishment Authority	**13. Effective Date**	**14. Commitee Type**	**14c. Presidential?**
7 U.S.C. 1421	11/18/1990	Continuing	No

15. Description of Committee Grant Review Committee

16a. Total Number of Reports	No Reports for this FiscalYear

17a. Open 0 **17b. Closed** 0 **17c. Partially Closed** 0 **Other Activities** 0 **17d. Total** 0

Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY

18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	$0.00	$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	$0.00	$0.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	$0.00	$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	$0.00	$0.00
18d. Total	$0.00	$0.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.00

20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee makes recommendations on policies and programs which will enhance agricultural exports to emerging markets through the use of Emerging Markets Program authority. Specifically, Committee members review from a business perspective qualified proposals submitted to the Program for funding assistance, from both private and government sources. This review is done prior to obtaining policy level approval and funding commitments from the Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS). A total of $10 million in emerging markets projects are developed, approved and funded each fiscal year.

20b. How does the Committee balance its

membership?

The Committee represents a cross-section of the agricultural industry, and also of geographic and ethnic diversity.

20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?

Frequency of meetings varies, depending upon the issues to be considered and the range and importance of activities under consideration by FAS at any given time. The Committee meets at least once and sometimes twice each fiscal year. Meetings always stimulate dialogue among the Committee members and FAS staff and are a prerequisite to a successful functioning of the Advisory Committee. There is also regular communication between Committee members and FAS staff between formal sessions of the Committee.

20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?

The Committee is statutory. The Committee's review of and advice concerning activities under the Emerging Markets Program balances private sector perspectives with government views on proposed projects and activities, an important consideration since the Program encourages, indeed emphasizes the participation of private industry. The Committee represents a wide range of the U.S. agribusiness and farming industry, and members have knowledge of FAS programs and objectives and of the operation and goals of the Emerging Markets Program, an ingredient crucial to the Committee's purpose of assisting FAS to carry out its mission to emerging markets. Private sources without such specific exposure to and experience with the Program is of minimal use of the agency in developing strategies and

determining priorities in emerging markets.

20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?
All Committee meetings have to date been open to the public.

21. Remarks
The committee continues to be administratively inactive. Future plans and/or activities towards the use of the Committee will be posted at this site.

Designated Federal Officer
Mark Slupek DFO

Narrative Description
The Committee reviews, from a business perspective, qualified proposals submitted to the Emerging Markets Program for funding assistance, principally from the private sector. This review is done prior to obtaining policy level approval and funding commitments from the agency. Committee reviews of proposals balance private sector perspectives with government views, an important consideration since the program emphasizes involvement by private industry. It also helps ensure that agency funding decisions can be made with a high level of confidence in the quality of that funding.

What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
Improvements to health or safety	☐
Trust in government	☐
Major policy changes	☐
Advance in scientific research	☐
Effective grant making	✓
Improved service delivery	☐

Increased customer satisfaction ☐

Implementation of laws or regulatory
requirements ☐

Other ☐

Outcome Comments
NA

What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

	Checked if Applies
None	☐
Unable to Determine	☐
Under $100,000	☐
$100,000 - $500,000	☐
$500,001 - $1,000,000	☐
$1,000,001 - $5,000,000	✔
$5,000,001 - $10,000,000	☐
Over $10,000,000	☐
Cost Savings Other	☐

Cost Savings Comments
The cost savings are the result of proposals which the Committee recommends be rejected, therefore saving the agency a considerable sum of money, important in the face of scarce program resources.

What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?
41

Number of Recommendations Comments
The Committee has been inactive due to an Agency-level review.

What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?
75%

% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments
For a variety of its own reasons not applicable to the Committee, the agency may

implement all/most of the recommendations, but few times recommendations are not implemented.

What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be <u>Partially</u> implemented by the agency?
20%

% of Recommendations <u>Partially</u> Implemented Comments
There are sometimes a few proposals which were not funded in their entirety, those few being scaled back from their original level of requested funding (allowable under the program).

Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?
Yes ✓   No ☐   Not Applicable ☐

Agency Feedback Comments
The Committee is notified by the Co-chairperson of the agency's funding decisions, specifically with regard to each of the proposals the Committee had recommended for funding.

What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?

	Checked if Applies
Reorganized Priorities	☐
Reallocated resources	☐
Issued new regulation	☐
Proposed legislation	☐
Approved grants or other payments	✓
Other	☐

Action Comments
NA

Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?
Yes
What is the estimated **Number** of grants reviewed for approval   35
What is the estimated **Number** of grants recommended for
                                                                                    0

approval

What is the estimated **Dollar Value** of grants recommended for approval

$3,500,000

Grant Review Comments

NA

How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	✔
Online Agency Web Site	✔
Online Committee Web Site	✔
Online GSA FACA Web Site	✔
Publications	✔
Other	✔

Access Comments

Agency Public Announcements (listing approved and funded proposals)