Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)

Annenberg International Programs
Pre-Departure Series
Are you a USA Citizen?

If no...
Please archive this document and refer back to it if needed in the future.

If yes...
Please continue and make sure to read each section carefully.
What is STEP?

• Smart Traveler Enrollment Program
  – Run by the U.S. Department of State’s Travel services
  – Requires account set-up for secure login
  – A valid USA passport is required for STEP enrollment
• Input your travel dates, countries, and personal contact information
• In case of an emergency in the countries you are visiting, the nearest U.S. consulate/embassy can notify you and will account for you if USA citizens need to evacuate/leave the country
Why Should I Consider Enrolling?

• If a natural disaster, civil unrest, or terrorist attack occurred in a country that you are visiting, the US Department of State will have record of your visit during that time.

• You can subscribe to receive travel alerts, travel warnings, and other information about a particular country.
The data that you provided the U.S. Department of State is subject to the provisions of the Privacy Act (5 USC 552a). This means that the U.S. Department of State will not disclose the information you provide in your STEP application to any third parties unless you have given written authorization to do so, or unless the disclosure is otherwise permitted by the Privacy Act.
Remember Though…

• It is not mandatory to enroll in STEP.
  – Keep in mind that some overseas programs may mandate it (All programs run by ACCENT).
• Enrollment does not guarantee or offer extra consular services while overseas, including legal assistance in case of an arrest.