US Executive Branch Update - August 9, 2022

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Tuesday, August 9, 2022

This report provides a snapshot of the U.S. Executive Branch priorities via daily schedules and the prior day’s press releases.

POTUS’ Schedule*

9:00 a.m. EDT - THE PRESIDENT receives the President’s Daily Briefing | The White House

10:00 a.m. EDT - THE PRESIDENT delivers remarks and signs into law H.R. 4346, the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022; The Vice President, the Secretary of Commerce, the United States Trade Representative, the Director of the Office of Management and Budget attend | South Lawn

- Fact Sheet: CHIPS and Science Act Will Lower Costs, Create Jobs, Strengthen Supply Chains, and Counter China
2:00 p.m. EDT – THE PRESIDENT delivers remarks and signs the Instruments of Ratification for the Accession Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty for the Republic of Finland and Kingdom of Sweden; The Vice President attends | East Room

**VPOTUS’ Schedule***

10:00 a.m. EDT – THE VICE PRESIDENT will join THE PRESIDENT at the signing of H.R. 4346, the CHIPS and Science Act of 2022. The Secretary of Commerce, the U.S. Trade Representative, and the Director of the Office of Management and Budget will also attend | South Lawn

2:00 p.m. EDT– THE VICE PRESIDENT will join THE PRESIDENT at the signing of the Instruments of Ratification for the Accession Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty for the Republic of Finland and Kingdom of Sweden | East Room

**White House Press Briefing Schedule***

2:40 p.m. EDT – Press Briefing by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre | James S. Brady Press Briefing Room

*The U.S. President (POTUS) and Vice President’s (VPOTUS) daily schedules are subject to change, as is the White House press briefing schedule.

**Recap of Monday, August 8, 2022**

Note: All colored text denotes hyperlinks.

**The White House**

- [Remarks](#) by President Biden Before Air Force One Departure
- [Transcript](#): Press Gaggle by Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre | Lexington, Kentucky
- [Remarks](#) by Vice President Harris Before Roundtable Discussion with University Presidents
- [Readout](#) of Vice President Harris’ Call with Prime Minister Holness of Jamaica
- [Fact Sheet](#): U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa
- [Transcript](#): Background Press Call by Senior Administration Officials Previewing the U.S. Strategy Toward Sub-Saharan Africa
- [Memorandum](#) on the Delegation of Authority Under Section 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961

**Department of Defense (DOD)**

- [Press Release](#): $1 Billion in Additional Security Assistance for Ukraine
Department of State

Daily Schedule | Tuesday, August 9

U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken is on travel to South Africa, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Rwanda from August 9-12, 2022.

SecState’s Trip

- August 8: SecState Speech | Vital Partners, Shared Priorities: The Biden Administration’s Sub-Saharan Africa Strategy (South Africa)
- August 8: Remarks | Opening of the U.S.-South African Strategic Dialogue (South Africa)
- August 8: Remarks | Secretary Antony J. Blinken and South African Minister of International Relations and Cooperation Naledi Pandor at a Joint Press Availability
- August 8: Fact Sheet | The United States and the Republic of South Africa
- August 8: Fact Sheet | U.S. Food Security Assistance to Sub-Saharan Africa
- August 8: Interview | Secretary Antony J. Blinken with Thulasizwe Simelane of eNCA (South Africa)

Europe, Ukraine

- August 8: Statement | $1 Billion in New U.S. Military Assistance for Ukraine
- August 8: Advisory | Special Advisor on International Disability Rights Minkara’s Travel to Romania and Moldova

Africa
• August 8:  **Statement** | The Chadian Signing of a Peace Agreement in Doha

**Asia-Pacific**

• August 8:  **Readout** | Deputy Secretary Sherman’s Meeting with Australian FM Penny Wong

• August 8:  **Readout** | Deputy Secretary Sherman’s Meeting with Australia Assistant Minister for Trade and Manufacturing Tim Ayres

• August 8:  **Readout** | Deputy Secretary Sherman’s Meeting with Australian DFAT Secretary Jan Adams

• August 8:  **Statement** | United States Hosts Proliferation Security Initiative Exercise Fortune Guard 22

• August 8:  **Sanctions** | Imposing Sanctions on Virtual Currency Mixer Tornado Cash (North Korea)

• August 8:  **Statement** | Singapore National Day

**Middle East**

• August 8:  **Statement** | Welcoming the Ceasefire Agreement in Gaza and Israel

**Other Matters**

• August 8:  **Statement** | Ambassador Hussain’s Trip to the Oak Creek Sikh Memorial Anniversary Candlelight Remembrance Vigil (Wisconsin)

**U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)**

• **Readout**: Administrator Samantha Power Meets with Gustavo Francisco Petro Urrego, President of Colombia and U.S. Embassy Bogota Staff

• **Remarks**: Administrator Power’s Press Conference Following Inauguration of Colombian President Gustavo Petro

• **Press Release**: The United States Contributes $4.5 Billion to Support the Government of Ukraine

• **Press Release**: United States Announces $15 Million for the United Nations Central Emergency Response Fund

**U.S. Mission to the United Nations (UN)**

• **Remarks** by Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield at a UN Security Council Open Debate on Peace and Security in Africa

• **Remarks** by Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield at a UN Security Council Briefing on the Situation in the Middle East
Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI)

- Press Release: Summary of the Reengagement of Detainees Formerly Held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

Department of the Treasury

- Sanctions: U.S. Treasury Sanctions Notorious Virtual Currency Mixer Tornado Cash

Securities & Exchange Commission (SEC)

- Press Release: SEC Proposes Rules to Improve Clearing Agency Governance and to Mitigate Conflicts of Interest

Department of Justice

Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) | Daily Press Releases

- Press Release: Federal Judge Sentences Three Men Convicted of Racially Motivated Hate Crimes in Connection with the Killing of Ahmaud Arbery in Georgia
- Press Release: Virginia Landlords to Pay $225,000 to Resolve Violations of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act
- Press Release: Woman Convicted in $34 Million Health Care Fraud Scheme
- Press Release: New York Man Sentenced to Prison for Role in Identity Theft Conspiracy
- Press Release: Manager of Key West Labor Staffing Companies Sentenced for Tax Crimes and Immigration Fraud
- Press Release: Massachusetts Construction Company Owner Indicted for Tax Crimes

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)/Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

- DHS Statement on U.S. District Court’s Decision Regarding MPP
- Press Release: CBP Officers Encounter 95 Exotic Reptiles, Insects at Hidalgo International Bridge (Texas)
- **Press Release**: Dozens of migrants discovered in an El Paso stash house (Texas)
- **Press Release**: Three Smuggling Events Leads to the Arrest of 12 Subjects (Texas)
- **Press Release**: Global Entry Begins Touchless, Receipt-less Processing at ORD (Illinois)

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**

- [Link](#) to daily press releases

**Commerce Department/National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)**

- **Press Release**: Biden-Harris Administration Announces over $50 Million in Internet for All Grants to Two Alaska Native Entities

**Federal Trade Commission (FTC)**

- **Press Release**: FTC Action Against Benefytt Results in $100 Million in Refunds for Consumers Tricked into Sham Health Plans and Charged Exorbitant Junk Fees

**Federal Communications Commission (FCC)**

- **Press Release**: FCC Opens Proceeding On Servicing, Assembly, & Manufacturing In Space
- **Press Release**: FCC Establishes Affordable Connectivity Outreach Grant Program
- **Press Release**: FCC Creates ‘Your Home, Your Internet’ Pilot Program

**Department of Agriculture (USDA)/Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS)**

- **Press Release**: Export Sales to China, Italy, and Unknown Destinations

**Department of Interior (DOI)**

- **Press Release**: Interior Department Announces Full Operation of Palen Solar Project in California

**Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

- **Press Release**: EPA Accepting Clean School Bus Rebate Applications until August 19, 2022
Department of Labor

- **Press Release**: Federal judge affirms U.S. Department of Labor finding that Colorado acute psychiatric treatment facility exposed employees to workplace violence

- **Press Release**: U.S. Department of Labor partners with Ryan Companies, Colorado State University to ensure worker safety at Loveland construction project

- **Press Release**: U.S. Department of Labor recovers $44K after investigation finds Idaho farms underpaid migrant farmworkers, provided substandard housing

- **Press Release**: Investigation finds Western New York home healthcare agency failed to comply with federal overtime law, recovers $228K for 260 workers

- **Press Release**: U.S. Department of Labor awards $960K to assist clean-up, recovery after northern California’s 2020 wildfires

- **Press Release**: U.S. Department of Labor finds e-commerce warehouse operator owes more than $1M in back wages to 995 workers in Kentucky, California

Health & Human Services (HHS)

- **Press Release**: HHS Awards Nearly $90 Million to Community Health Centers to Advance Health Equity through Better Data

- **Press Release**: HHS Invests Nearly $60 Million to Strengthen Health Care Workforce and Improve Access to Care in Rural Communities

- **Press Release**: Two Operation Fly Formula Flights Scheduled for Week of August 8

Housing & Urban Development (HUD)

- **Press Release**: HUD Announces $221 Million to Tribal Communities for Affordable Housing and Community Development

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