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AGOA and MCA Modernization Act

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Sponsor

Name: Sen. Cardin, Benjamin L. [D-MD]

Party: Democratic • **State:** MD • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors (5 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
Sen. Coons, Christopher A. [D-DE]	D · DE		Apr 5, 2017
Sen. Isakson, Johnny [R-GA]	R · GA		Apr 5, 2017
Sen. Peters, Gary C. [D-MI]	D · MI		Apr 25, 2017
Sen. Murphy, Christopher [D-CT]	D · CT		May 3, 2017
Sen. Booker, Cory A. [D-NJ]	D · NJ		Oct 4, 2017

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Foreign Relations Committee	Senate	Reported By	Oct 17, 2017

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

African Growth and Opportunity Act and Millennium Challenge Act Modernization Act or the AGOA and MCA Modernization Act

This bill directs the President to establish a website for the collection and dissemination of information regarding the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA).

The Department of State is urged to encourage eligible sub-Saharan African countries to use AGOA benefits.

The President is urged to:

- facilitate trans-boundary trade among eligible sub-Saharan African countries;
- provide AGOA benefits training for business and government trade officials;
- provide capacity building for African entrepreneurs and trade associations on production strategies, quality standards, and market development; and
- provide capacity building training.

The Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 is amended to permit an eligible country that has entered into a Millennium Challenge Compact to enter into one additional compact.

The bill establishes new assistance criteria for a low-income or a lower-middle-income candidate country to enter into a compact with the United States.

The Millennium Challenge Corporation shall: (1) before selecting a compact country, provide the Board of Directors with information regarding the country's treatment of civil society; and (2) assess the feasibility of developing subnational partnerships.

Actions Timeline

- **Oct 17, 2017:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Reported by Senator Corker with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. Without written report.
- **Oct 17, 2017:** Placed on Senate Legislative Calendar under General Orders. Calendar No. 246.
- **Oct 5, 2017:** Committee on Foreign Relations. Ordered to be reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute favorably.
- **Apr 5, 2017:** Introduced in Senate
- **Apr 5, 2017:** Read twice and referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.