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FAS Questionnaire to Existing and Former APAC/ATAC Advisors

Advisors Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date of the Interview: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

USDA is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in its workforce and advisory committees. Foreign Agricultural Service seeks your input, as an expert serving on the USDA/USTR trade advisory committees, to help identify ways to increase the participation rate of qualified members and ensure the USDA Agricultural Policy Advisory Committee (APAC) and Agricultural Technical Advisory Committees (ATACs) are representative of the U.S. agricultural population.

1. How did you become aware of the USDA/USTR trade advisory committees?
2. What were the driving factors about the USDA/USTR trade advisory committees that motivated you to apply and serve?
3. Were there any factors that decreased your interest or desire to apply and serve on these committees?
4. Are there any organizations or contacts where you would encourage us to increase our outreach, thereby increasing awareness about these committees? (Gather the name of the organization/contact and associated contact information.)
5. Are you aware of any relevant annual conferences or meetings where a targeted outreach could produce additional recruitment opportunities? (Gather the name of the conference and associated contact information.)
6. Please share any additional thoughts you might have regarding our ongoing effort to increase diversity and inclusion on these committees.
7. Is there any additional input you want to add to help improve these committees?

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