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Washington, D.C. - The Architect of the Capitol announces the selection of Saharah Moon Chapotin, Ph.D., as Executive Director of the United States Botanic Garden.

"Dr. Chapotin is a plant scientist with a passion to educate people about the importance of plants and agriculture," said Stephen T. Ayers, Architect of the Capitol and Director of the U.S. Botanic Garden. "As she leads the Garden in its efforts to connect people with plants, her vision and experience will guide the USBG's 180th anniversary of its 1820 Congressional charter."

Prior to joining the USBG, Chapotin worked at the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), where she has served since 2006. Most recently, she was Deputy Assistant to the Administrator at USAID's Bureau for Food Security.

She holds a bachelor of science in biology from Stanford University and a doctorate in plant physiology from Harvard University. Before her work with the USBG, she held research fellowships at Iowa State University and the National Academies working on issues of biosafety policy, scientific communication and national security. She has also conducted forest ecology and canopy biology research throughout the United States, Madagascar and Costa Rica.

The USBG has been in continuous operation and open to the public since 1850, and is dedicated to demonstrating the aesthetic, cultural, economic, and scientific importance of plants to the well-being of humankind. The USBG collaborates with national and international partners to foster the exchange of ideas and

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