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JENNIFER RASAMIMANANA NEW DIRECTOR

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During the Arab Spring, she was the State Department's regional Arabic Language Spokesperson, and led engagement with Arabic-speaking publics from Oman to Morocco. She also served at U.S. embassies in Jordan, Tunisia, Syria, and Togo, as well as in key senior State Department positions in Washington DC. Before joining the Foreign Service, Ms. Rasamimanana taught English as a Foreign Language in Madagascar and worked in technology investment banking and venture capital in Silicon Valley. A graduate of the College of William and Mary, she speaks French and Arabic. "The American Legation is a vital, tangible symbol of the more than 200 years of friendship between Morocco and the United States," said U.S. Embassy Chargé d'Affaires David Greene.-----

"As former Consul General in Casablanca, Jennifer has deep ties with Morocco and is well positioned to help us continue building on the historic friendship between our two countries. She will also help us continue to celebrate the bicentennial of the Legation, our oldest diplomatic post anywhere in the world." The American Legation in Tangier, gifted to the U.S. in 1821 by Sultan Moulay Slimane, is the the only National Historic Landmark outside U.S. territory. The site of significant negotiations as a diplomatic mission for over 140 years, it also served as a language school and Peace Corps training site. Today it is a museum, research library, and cultural center. It also represents the American Institute for Maghrib Studies (AIMS), part of the Council of American Overseas Research Centers. "I'm delighted to return to Morocco, which feels like coming home, and to continue contributing to the deep and historic friendship between the U.S. and Morocco," said Ms. Rasamimanana. "As the Legation celebrates its bicentennial, I look forward to helping this unique and wonderful institution grow, innovate, and reach new audiences into its third century."Source: US Embassy in Morocco.

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