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## CDFA Recognizes Julia Fahrman, DFCP

### —Newest Graduate of the Prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program —

Columbus, OH — The Council of Development Finance Agencies (CDFA) is pleased to announce Julia Fahrman as the newest graduate of the prestigious Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) program. Ms. Fahrman joins numerous fellow graduates who are recognized as emerging leaders in development finance and are equipped to tackle industry complexities.

“The CDFA team is happy to welcome Julia into the ranks of DFCP graduates. She is a great ambassador of the DFCP program and embodies the best of the development finance industry,” states Toby Rittner, DFCP and President & CEO of CDFA. “Our hope is that through their work in the DFCP program, graduates are ready to take on critical development finance efforts in the communities where they work.”

Ms. Fahrman has over 17 years of professional experience in resource mobilization and donor funding across public and private sectors, focusing on international development. She has expertise in advocacy, campaigning, project management, and communications within public-private partnerships. Most recently, she served as Director of Program Impact at the International Rescue Committee.

Previously, she served as a Resource Mobilization and Advocacy Specialist at UNICEF, where she helped raise funds for one of the world’s largest public-private global health initiatives, including securing support from international development banks and U.S.-based funding organizations. Additionally, Ms. Fahrman has worked with non-profit organizations in Peru and China and gained experience in financing health programs and R&D while at the Drugs for Neglected Diseases initiative (DNDi) in Switzerland.

Ms. Fahrman holds a Master of Science in Development Studies from Birkbeck, University of London, and a political science degree from the University of Buenos Aires. She is bilingual in English and Spanish and has worked in both languages.

After achieving her Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) certification, Ms. Fahrman is now focused on exploring how development financing tools used by U.S. development finance agencies can serve as valuable models and policy frameworks for similar initiatives in other countries. She is also eager to continue learning and exchanging knowledge with the development finance professional community.

CDFA’s Development Finance Certified Professional (DFCP) Program is an intense training course learning experience and is the industry’s only comprehensive development finance professional certification program. The DFCP Program is designed to produce graduates with a comprehensive knowledge of development finance concepts, tools, and applicability as well as a deep understanding of the entire development finance spectrum. Graduates of the DFCP Program gain valuable knowledge and experience within the complex development finance industry and achieve a level of understanding unmatched by any other professional certification program.

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