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The Center for Strategic and International Studies hosts a panel of experts to discuss the changing US Foreign Assistance Strategy focusing particularly on middle-income countries:

“With the climate of austerity in Washington, the U.S. foreign aid budget is coming under pressure. USAID has just announced the closure of up to seven programs between now and 2015. The United States has closed countries for decades, redefining its development and economic cooperation relationships. As part of maintaining engagement, the United States and its partners have created a variety of joint institutions and mechanisms that allows both the U.S and its partner countries to cooperate in new ways. In many cases, the result has been a more effective and deepened relationship. There are lessons to be learned about how to close programs and use close outs as an opportunity to reorient our relationships.”