

THE GLOBAL PLUM BOOK

Influential Positions in the U.S. Government
on Global Development and Diplomacy



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The following are the most senior Administration positions at the Cabinet and selected sub-Cabinet levels, working with the President and Vice President, that set, manage, influence, and implement U.S. national security and foreign policies. The positions are listed by the White House, departments and agencies funded by the International Affairs Budget, and other related departments and agencies part of U.S. foreign assistance.

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WHITE HOUSE



Policymakers

National Security Advisor or Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs – Serves as senior advisor to the President on international affairs, chairs the National Security Council and oversees the National Security Staff.

Director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) – Oversees the President’s “Management Agenda” and develops the President’s annual budget request.

Managers

Chief of Staff to the President – Oversees the White House staff and manages the President’s schedule.

Deputy National Security Advisor – Serves as principal deputy to the National Security Advisor.

Senior West Wing Advisors: *Exact titles and influence of these positions vary by Administration:*

- Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs
- Counselor to the President
- White House Political, Communications, and Legislative Affairs Directors

Deputy Director, OMB – Directly assists in the development of the International Affairs Budget and execution of the President’s foreign policy programs and policies.

Associate Director for Defense and International Affairs, OMB – Assists in the development of the Federal budget as it relates to foreign policy.

Deputy Associate Director, National Security Programs, OMB – Directly assists in the development of the Federal budget and execution of the President’s national security programs and policies.

Influencers

National Security Staff: *Exact titles and influence of these positions vary by Administration*

- **Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs** – Serves as the lead advisor to the National Security Advisor on international economic affairs including global development.
- **Senior Director for Global Development, Democracy, and Humanitarian Assistance** – Serves as special assistant to the President on global development issues.
- **Senior Director, Global Health Security and Biodefense Directorate** – Serves as lead to ensure coordination of pandemic response across U.S. and preparedness against threats from infectious diseases (position merged into the Counterproliferation and Biodefense in 2018).
- **Senior Directors for Regional and Functional Areas** – Serve as the lead advisors to the National Security Advisor on global regional affairs and issues of health, humanitarian assistance, trade, and economics.

DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES FUNDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS BUDGET



DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Policymakers

Secretary of State – Serves as the President’s chief foreign affairs adviser and carries out the President’s foreign policies through the State Department and the Foreign Service of the United States.

U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations – Represents the United States at the United Nations and serves as a member of the President’s Cabinet.

Managers

Deputy Secretary of State – Serves as principal deputy and advisor to the Secretary of State.

Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources – Serves as Chief Operating Officer to the Department of State and maintains overall direction, coordination and supervision of foreign aid and civilian response programs overseas. Also serves as the head of the Office of U.S. Foreign Assistance Resources.

Influencers

Counselor – Serves as a special advisor and consultant on major problems of foreign policy and who provides guidance to the appropriate bureaus with respect to such matters.

Director of Policy and Planning – Directs strategic management of global trends and frames recommendations for the Secretary of State to advance U.S. interests and American values.

Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs – Third-ranking official at the State Department and advises the Secretary of State on political affairs; serves as the day-to-day manager of overall regional and bilateral policy issues and oversees the regional bureaus as well as the bureaus for International Organizations and International Narcotics and Law Enforcement.

Under Secretary of State for Management – Department official responsible for implementing the President’s Management Agenda (PMA) and is State’s representative on the President’s Management Council.

Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs – Promotes America’s image in the world and U.S. global engagement and leads the Department of State’s engagement with the American public.

Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy and Human Rights – Coordinates U.S. foreign policy on a variety of global issues, including democracy, human rights, and labor; environment, oceans, health and science; population, refugees, and migration; women's issues; trafficking in persons and avian and pandemic influenza.

Under Secretary of State for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment – Serves as the senior economic official at the State Department; advises the Secretary of State on international economic policy; and leads the work of the Department on issues ranging from economic growth, energy, agricultural, oceans, environmental, and science and technology policies.

Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs – Serves as Senior Adviser to the President and the Secretary of State for Arms Control, Nonproliferation, and Disarmament.

Regional Assistant Secretaries of State – include African Affairs, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, European and Eurasian Affairs, Near Eastern Affairs, South and Central Asian Affairs, Western Hemisphere Affairs. Charged with implementing American foreign policy in their region and advising the Under Secretary for Political Affairs on matters relating to diplomatic missions within that area.

Functional Assistant Secretaries of State– Conflict and Stabilization Operations; Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor; International Narcotics and Law Enforcement; Population, Refugees, and Migration; Education and Cultural Affairs; Global Public Affairs; Arms Control, Verification, and Compliance; International Security and Nonproliferation; Political-Military Affairs; Diplomatic Security; Economic and Business Affairs; Energy Resources; Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Intelligence and Research; Legislative Affairs. Charged with the responsibility for formulating policies on, and for administering programs regarding, their specific function.

Chief Economist– Reports to the Secretary through the Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, advising the Secretary on emerging economic issues.

Senior Advisor, Development – Advises the Secretary of State on global development.

Special Envoys, Coordinators, and Special Representatives – Appointed by the President and Secretary of State to monitor and address top-level foreign policy issues, varies by Administration.

Staff of Policy Planning – Serves as a source of independent policy analysis and advice for the Secretary of State.

Implementers

Global AIDS Coordinator and U.S. Special Representative for Global Health Diplomacy – Ambassadorial rank position that leads the implementation of the U.S. President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and Global Health Initiative priorities and policies in the diplomatic arena.

Director, Office of Global Women's Issues – Ambassadorial rank position that leads the integration of women's issues into all aspects of U.S. foreign policy.

Director, Office of U.S. Foreign Assistance Resources – Supervises and provides general direction for U.S. foreign assistance, reporting to the Deputy Secretary of State for Management and Resources.

Director, Office of Global Partnerships – Leads the Department's partnership efforts with the public and private sectors, and civil society.



U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT (USAID)

Policymakers

Administrator for US Agency for International Development – Serves as the head of the United States federal government agency primarily responsible for administering civilian foreign assistance. Also serves as a member of the NSC Principals Committee.

Managers

Deputy Administrator of USAID – Assists in the implementation of the USAID mission and supports the Administrator on overall management of the Agency.

Chief of Staff – Assists and advises the Administrator in policy development and execution.

Director of the Office of Budget and Resource Management – Responsible for strengthening USAID's resource planning processes and budget capabilities that prioritize investments and are informed by policy priorities and anticipated impacts.

Associate Administrator for Strategy and Operations – Advises Administrator on legal and management issues related to Headquarters.

Counselor – Provides strategic counsel to the Administrator and oversees the concerns of the Foreign Service Corps.

Influencers

Associate Administrator for Relief, Response and Resilience – Oversees the Bureau of Humanitarian Affairs, the Bureau for Conflict Prevention and Stabilization, and the Bureau for Resilience and Food Security.

Geographic Assistant Administrators of USAID – Includes Africa; Asia; Middle East; Europe and Eurasia; and Latin America and the Caribbean; oversee USAID programs in their region.

Functional Assistant Administrators of USAID – Includes Global Health; Economic Growth, Education and Environment; Resilience and Food Security; Humanitarian Assistance; Conflict Prevention and Stabilization; oversee USAID programs promoting their specific function.

Assistant to the Administrator for Policy Planning and Learning – Leader for evidence-based policy development, strategic-planning coordination, and donor engagement.

Assistant Administrator for Legislative and Public Affairs – Advises Administrator on legislative issues and public engagement.

Executive Director, U.S. Global Development Lab – Oversees the work of the Lab's programs and management activities across five centers and two offices.

Implementers

Feed the Future Deputy Coordinator - Coordinates implementation of Feed the Future across the U.S. government and oversees its execution and reports results. Leads engagement with external community to ensure that food security remains high on the development agenda.

Power Africa Coordinator – Coordinates implementation of Power Africa across the U.S. government and oversees its execution and reports results.

Prosper Africa Chief Operating Officer – Oversees day-to-day operations for Prosper Africa program.

U.S. Global Malaria Coordinator – Has direct authority over USAID malaria programs and coordinates all U.S. programs that target malaria.

Global Water Coordinator and Deputy Assistant to the Administrator – Coordinates all water activities across all bureaus in the Agency.

Adviser to the Administrator for Science and Technology – Coordinates implementation of science and technology policies across bureaus in the Agency.



MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION (MCC)

Polymakers

Chief Executive Officer of the Millennium Challenge Corporation – Leads the work of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

Managers

Deputy Chief Executive Officer – Supports the CEO in overall management of the MCC.

Vice President, Department of Compact Operations – Oversees the MCC's work with partner countries, ensuring stewardship of resources and management of compacts.

Vice President, Department of Policy and Evaluation – Manages MCC's annual country eligibility process and evaluation methods for engagement with partner countries.

Vice President, Department of Congressional and Public Affairs – Manages MCC's relationships with Congress, the media and external stakeholders.

Chief of Staff – Serves as the lead adviser to the agency's Chief Executive Officer, providing guidance and leadership on corporate strategy, operations and policy matters.

Implementers

Functional Deputy Vice Presidents of MCC – Oversee MCC programs promoting their specific function.



EXPORT-IMPORT BANK

Chairman and President, Export-Import Bank – Top official responsible for facilitating U.S. investment in emerging markets.



U.S. DEVELOPMENT FINANCE CORPORATION (DFC)

President and CEO – Top official responsible for promoting U.S. investment in emerging markets worldwide, fostering development and the growth of free markets.

Chief Operating Officer – Oversees operations and serves as senior adviser to the agency's CEO.

Chief Development Officer – Serves as advisor on the development performance of DFC's portfolio and leads on interagency coordination, especially with USAID and MCC.

Functional Vice Presidents – Oversee DFC programs promoting their specific function.



PEACE CORPS

Director of Peace Corps – Leads the agency responsible for overseeing thousands of American volunteers each year in host countries, supporting a wide range of development activities including health education, environmental preservation and promoting access to information technology.

Deputy Director of Peace Corps – Supports the Director in the overall management of the Peace Corps.



U.S. TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (USTDA)

Director of U.S. Trade and Development Agency – Responsible for promoting economic growth in developing and middle-income countries, while simultaneously helping American businesses to export their products and services.

Deputy Director – Supports the Director in overall management of the USTDA.

RELATED DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES



DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Secretary of Agriculture – Leads U.S. Department of Agriculture and is responsible for overseeing U.S. agriculture programs throughout the country and abroad.

Administrator for the Foreign Agriculture Service (FAS) of USDA – Manages the mission of the FAS to improve foreign market access for U.S. products, and provide food aid and technical assistance to foreign countries.



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Secretary of Commerce – Serves as the head of the United States Department of Commerce concerned with business and industry, seeks to foster, promote, and develop the foreign and domestic commerce.

Under Secretary for International Trade – Serves as the principal adviser to the Secretary on American imports and exports.

Assistant Secretary for Trade Promotion and Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service – Serves as the chief executive officer of the US government's overseas trade offices.



DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Secretary of Defense – Serves as the head and chief executive officer of the Department of Defense, ensuring civilian control of the military.

Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff – The highest ranking military officer in the United States Armed Forces, and is principal military advisor to the President of the United States, the National Security Council, the Homeland Security Council and the Secretary of Defense.

Deputy Secretary of Defense – Second-highest ranking civilian at the Pentagon and has full power and authority to act for the Secretary of Defense.

Under Secretary of Defense for Policy – The Under Secretary of Defense for Policy is the principal staff assistant and advisor to the Secretary of Defense on national security and defense policy. Leads policy planning and public diplomacy initiatives, fosters relations between the Department of Defense and foreign countries, and is lead on inter-agency policy matters.

Assistant Secretary of Defense for Special Operations/Low-Intensity Conflict – Serves as the principal civilian advisor to the Secretary of Defense on special operations and low-intensity conflict matters, including stabilization and humanitarian affairs.

Regional Combatant Commanders: Africa Command, Southern Command, Europe Command, Pacific Command, Central Command, Northern Command – Manage the U.S. military regional commands.



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy – Serves as the head of the United States Department of Energy which directs U.S. efforts to develop, produce and regulate energy, as well as ensuring the safe disposal of nuclear waste.

Assistant Secretary of Energy for Policy and International Affairs – Primary policy advisor on international policy and responsible for the Department of Energy’s international energy activities.



DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Secretary of Health and Human Services – Leads the U.S. Department Health and Human Services, the principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans.

Director, Centers for Disease Control, Department of Health and Human Services – Manages the CDC’s mission to monitor and respond to threats to public health and safety, including from international sources.



DEPARTMENT OF TREASURY

Secretary of the Treasury – Top economic advisor to the President and a member of the U.S. National Security Council.

Under Secretary of Treasury for International Affairs – Strengthens U.S. leadership in the global economy to foster growth, create economic opportunities and address transnational economic challenges, including development, climate change, food security and financial inclusion.

Assistant Secretary for International Finance – Leads Treasury’s work on international financial institutions, coordination with the G-7/G-8 and G-20, and regional and bilateral economic issues.

Assistant Secretary for International Markets and Development – Leads Treasury’s portfolio on international financial services regulation, trade, development, technical assistance and climate finance.

U.S. Executive Directors to the World Bank and IMF – Support U.S. policy to international financial institutions.

U.S. Executive Directors to Multilateral Development Banks – Supports U.S. policy in conjunction with the economic development and social progress of African, Asian, European, and Inter-American member countries.



CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Director of the Central Intelligence Agency – Serves as the head of the Central Intelligence Agency, which is part of the United States Intelligence Community. Reports to the Director of National Intelligence (DNI).

Director of National Intelligence – Serves as principal advisor to the President, the National Security Council, and the Homeland Security Council about intelligence matters related to national security, serves as head of the sixteen-member Intelligence Community, and directs and oversees the National Intelligence Program.



U.S. TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

U.S. Trade Representative – Lead authority in promoting U.S. international trade policy at the bilateral and multilateral levels.

From all departments and agencies:

Staff of Legislative Affairs – Manages relationships with, and issues important to, Capitol Hill.



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