

Mark Abdo
Director for Global Health and Food Security
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Mark Abdo is the Director for Global Health and Food Security on the National Security Staff at the White House, since April 5, 2010. Prior to assuming that position he was Acting Deputy Director of the Office of Global Health Affairs (OGHA) in the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS). He has also served as HHS/OGHA Director for Multilateral Affairs and the Middle East, HHS/OGHA Director for Asia and the Pacific and HHS/OGHA Director for the Americas. Mr. Abdo received a Bachelor of Arts degree from College of the Holy Cross, and was a Doctoral candidate at Brown University. Before joining OGHA, he lived in Asia for eight years, doing private-sector consulting.

Mr. Abdo was head of the U.S. delegation to the G-8 Health Experts meetings in 2008 and 2009 and has been a member of the delegation to the G8 Senior-Level Accountability Working Group since its inception in November 2009. He has served as a negotiator on U.S. delegations to a number of international conferences, and was the lead U.S. negotiator for the *Health Agenda for the Americas 2008-2015*; the Buenos Aires 30/15 Declaration, “Towards a Health Strategy for Equity, Based on Primary Health Care;” the *Toyako Framework for Action* (the health experts’ report of the 2008 G-8 Toyako Summit); and the 2009 G-8 health experts’ report. He was the deputy lead U.S. negotiator for the World Health Organization (WHO) Intergovernmental Working Group on Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property and for the WHO Intergovernmental Meeting on Pandemic Influenza Preparedness. He oversaw HHS inputs to cross-cutting initiatives, including the U.S.-China Strategic and Economic Dialogues, and co-chaired the U.S. government-wide interagency group on trade and health. From 2006-2010, he served as an alternate U.S. representative to the WHO Executive Board; from 2005-2007, he served as an advisor to the U.S. Delegation to the World Health Assembly (WHA); and in 2008 and 2009 as an alternate delegate to the WHA. Mr. Abdo has traveled abroad extensively in support of the U.S. Government’s bilateral and multilateral programs.

Leonard J. Edwards
Prime Minister’s Personal Representative
G8 and G20 Summits

From March 2007 to June 2010, Leonard Edwards was Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. During his tenure as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Edwards was also appointed to

serve as the Prime Minister's Personal Representative to the G8 and G20 Summits. As of June 4, 2010, he concentrates exclusively on his duties as the Prime Minister's Personal Representative (a.k.a. Sherpa) to the Summits.

Mr. Edwards was Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada from May 2004 to March 2007 and Deputy Minister of International Trade from 2001 to May 2004. In this latter capacity, Mr. Edwards was also a Director of Export Development Canada and the Commissioner of the Northern Pipeline Agency. Mr. Edwards joined the Department of External Affairs in 1969.

From 1998 to 2001, Mr. Edwards was Canada's Ambassador to Japan. He also served as Ambassador to the Republic of Korea from 1991 to 1994. Within the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Mr. Edwards held the positions of Assistant Deputy Minister for Trade and Economic Policy and Assistant Deputy Minister, Asia Pacific. He also served as Executive Director, Summits Management Office, with responsibility for the organization of the 1988 and 1995 Economic Summits and the 1987 Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting.

His overseas assignments have included Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City), Hanoi, Ankara, Brussels/NATO and the Canadian Mission to the United Nations at Geneva.

Mr. Edwards was born in Saskatchewan and received a BA and MA from the University of Saskatchewan. Mr. Edwards is married to Margaret Edwards and they have two children.

Jennifer Kates
Vice President and Director of Global Health Policy & HIV
Kaiser Family Foundation

Jennifer Kates is Vice President and Director of Global Health Policy & HIV at the Kaiser Family Foundation. She oversees the Foundation's policy analysis and research focused on the U.S. government's role in global health and on the domestic and global HIV epidemics. Her areas of expertise include analyzing donor government investments in global health; assessing and mapping the U.S. government's global health architecture, programs, and funding; and analyzing key trends in the HIV epidemic. She has been working on HIV policy issues for more than twenty years and is a recognized expert in the field. Prior to joining the Foundation in 1998, Ms. Kates was a Senior Associate with The Lewin Group, a health care consulting firm, where she focused on HIV policy, strategic planning/health systems analysis, and health care for vulnerable populations. She previously worked at Princeton University, where she served as the Director of the Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns Office, and was also the Coordinator of the University's Alcohol and Other Drugs Peer Education Program. Ms. Kates received her masters degree in public affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, and her bachelors in political science from Dartmouth College. She also holds a masters degree in political science from

the University of Massachusetts. Currently, she is pursuing a doctorate in public policy at George Washington University, where she is also a lecturer.

J. Stephen Morrison
Director, Global Health Policy Center
Senior Vice President, CSIS

J. Stephen Morrison is director of the Global Health Policy Center and senior vice president at CSIS. Under his leadership, the Center secured a multiyear \$6.3-million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, along with major contributions from other corporate and foundation contributors, which underwrite work to advance a long-term strategic U.S. approach to global health, cultivate new global health champions, enrich our understanding of the security and foreign policy dimensions of global health, and link Washington-based work to emerging policy expertise in key developing and middle income countries. Beginning in the spring of 2009, he directed the CSIS Commission on a Smart Global Health Policy, comprising 25 diverse high-level opinion leaders. Its findings are detailed in the final report Report of the CSIS Commission on Smart Global Health Policy: A Healthier, Safer, and More Prosperous World, published in March 2010.

Dr. Morrison writes widely, testifies often before Congress, and is a frequent contributor in major media on U.S. foreign policy, global health, Africa, and foreign assistance. He served for 7 years in the Clinton administration, 4 years as committee staff in the House of Representatives, and taught for 12 years as an adjunct professor at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. He holds a Ph.D. in political science from the University of Wisconsin and is a magna cum laude graduate of Yale College.