

U.S. Global Health Policy: In Focus
The Future of U.S. Multilateral Engagement on Global Health: What's the Right Balance?

Speaker Biographies
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Mark Abdoo 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. Abdoo 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. Abdoo 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. Abdoo has traveled abroad extensively in support of the U.S. Government's bilateral and multilateral programs.

Natasha Bilimoria

Natasha Bilimoria is the President of Friends of the Global Fight. Ms. Bilimoria leads the organization's efforts to educate, engage and mobilize American leaders on the important work of the Global Fund to end the worldwide burden of these three diseases. Friends seeks to build a sustained commitment to supporting the Global Fund and the fight against the three diseases. Ms. Bilimoria joined Friends in April 2005 and has an extensive background working on global health issues, including international HIV/AIDS.

Ms. Bilimoria previously served as Acting Director of Public Policy at the Elizabeth

Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation, where she led efforts to ensure maximum funding for global programs to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV as well as programs to provide care and treatment for entire families. Prior to that, she spent four years in the Clinton Administration, including the White House and the U.S. Department of Treasury, as a Senior Advisor on domestic economic development issues. She is a graduate of the University of Chicago and has a master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

Jennifer Kates

Jennifer Kates is Vice President and Director of Global Health Policy & HIV at the Kaiser Family Foundation, where she oversees the Foundation's policy analysis and research focused on the U.S. government's role in global health and on the global and domestic HIV epidemics. Widely regarded as an expert in the field, she regularly publishes and presents on global health issues and is particularly known for her work on analyzing donor government investments in global health; assessing and mapping the U.S. government's global health architecture, programs, and funding; and tracking key trends in the HIV epidemic, a area she has been working in for more than twenty years. 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. Prior to that, she directed the Office of Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Concerns at Princeton University.

Ms. Kates also serves on numerous federal and private sector advisory committees on global health and HIV/AIDS issues. Currently she is a member of the Institute of Medicine's Committee on "Planning the Evaluation of Global HIV/AIDS Programs Implemented Under the US Global Leadership Against HIV/AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria Reauthorization Act of 2008" as well as the Institute's Committee on "HIV Screening and Access to Care."

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.

Josh Michaud

Josh Michaud is a Senior Policy Analyst, Global Health Policy at the Kaiser Family Foundation, where he performs research and analysis focused on the U.S. government's role in global health. Prior to joining the Foundation in 2010, Dr. Michaud worked as a medical intelligence analyst at the National Center for Medical Intelligence within the U.S. Department of Defense, as a Research Associate with the U.S. Department of Defense's Global Emerging Infections System (GEIS) in Lima Peru, an Epidemiologist with the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, and an independent global health consultant.

Dr. Michaud is also a Senior Research Associate with the Global Health and Foreign Policy Initiative at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), where he teaches graduate-level courses on global health policy and international public health. His academic research has focused on global health policy, economics and international relations, particularly the political and economic aspects of infectious diseases. Dr. Michaud has authored multiple peer-reviewed journal articles in the areas of public health and global health policy.

Dr. Michaud earned his Ph.D. in International Health Policy from SAIS, and holds a B.A. in Political Science from the University of California, Santa Barbara, an M.H.S. in Epidemiology from the Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, and an M.A. in Applied Economics from Johns Hopkins University.