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Amanda Glassman is executive vice president and senior fellow at the Center for Global Development and also serves as chief executive officer of CGD Europe. Her research focuses on priority-setting, resource allocation and value for money in global health, as well as data for development. Prior to her current position, she served as director for global health policy at the Center from 2010 to 2016 and has more than 25 years of experience working on health and social protection policy and programs in Latin America and elsewhere in the developing world.

Prior to joining CGD, Glassman was principal technical lead for health at the Inter-American Development Bank, where she led policy dialogue with member countries, designed the results-based grant program *Salud Mesoamerica 2015* and served as team leader for conditional cash transfer programs such as Mexico's *Oportunidades* and Colombia's *Familias en Accion*. From 2005-2007, Glassman was deputy director of the Global Health Financing Initiative at Brookings and carried out policy research on aid effectiveness and domestic financing issues in the health sector in low-income countries. Before joining the Brookings Institution, Glassman designed, supervised and evaluated health and social protection loans at the Inter-American Development Bank and worked as a Population Reference Bureau Fellow at the US Agency for International Development.

Glassman holds a MSc from the Harvard School of Public Health and a BA from Brown University, has published on a wide range of health and social protection finance and policy topics, and is editor and coauthor of the books *What's In, What's Out: Designing Benefits for Universal Health Coverage* (Center for Global Development, 2017), *Millions Saved: New Cases of Proven Success in Global Health* (Center for Global Development 2016), *From Few to Many: A Decade of Health Insurance Expansion in Colombia* (IDB and Brookings 2010), and *The Health of Women in Latin America and the Caribbean* (World Bank 2001)



Dr. Fernando Llorca Castro

Ambassador of Costa Rica to the U.S.
Former Minister of Health of Costa Rica
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President Carlos Alvarado Quesada named Dr. Fernando Llorca Castro Ambassador of the Republic of Costa Rica to the United States of America on August 1, 2018, and Dr. Llorca presented his credentials to President Donald J. Trump on September 17th of the same year.

Ambassador Llorca has long dedicated himself to serving Costa Rica through various capacities and has over 12-years of experience in international development throughout Europe. Previously, Llorca held prominent positions in major transnational organizations as a health policy advisor, a medical and research manager, and a primary care medical practitioner in Spain and in Costa Rica. Moreover, Llorca also worked as a registered medical disability analyst in the United Kingdom.

In 2014, he was appointed by ex-President Luis Guillermo Solís Rivera as the Deputy-Minister of Health, shortly thereafter becoming the Minister and the Steward of the Health, Nutrition and Sports Sector in Costa Rica where he established private and public safety regulations and best practices policies.

Amidst the crisis of the largest public pension system in Costa Rica, he was asked to take on the role of Executive President of the Costa Rican Social Security Fund (CCSS)-- the most important healthcare provider in the region that manages an annual budget of over 6.5 billion dollars. Given his extensive experience in developing social and health policy, financing healthcare services and insurance options, Llorca intends to apply his knowledge as he fulfills his new role as ambassador.

He holds an Advanced Studies Diploma in Political Economy from Universidad Complutense de Madrid, a Master of Science Health Policy, Planning and Finance from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE) and the Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (LSHTM) both from the University of London. He also holds two Masters (MA) in Health Care Management as well as Health Economics and Pharmacoeconomics from the Universitat Pompeu Fabra (UPF) in Barcelona. He was trained in Costa Rica as a medical doctor and has had full license to practice medicine in Costa Rica, Spain and the United Kingdom.



Dr. Neil Parsan

Former Ambassador of Trinidad & Tobago to the U.S., Mexico, and the OAS

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Ambassador Parsan was a Special Advisor to The World Bank Group, Co-Founder and Managing Director of Parsan Cross, a Global Strategic Advisory firm located in Washington DC and Director of Public Sector engagement and Advocacy of the Caribbean Climate-Smart Accelerator. Dr Parsan's energy experience includes his role as Chairman of the Global Gas Council; Chairman of the International Gas Union (IGU) Global Ambassadors Network and an internationally recognized speaker and contributor on issues of climate smart action, renewal energy and energy efficiency in the Caribbean and Latin America.

Ambassador Parsan held the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America, non-resident Ambassador to the United Mexican States, and Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago to the Organization of American States (OAS) for a period of five years. He also held the Cabinet position of Executive Secretary for Integral Development at the Organization of American States (OAS).

Dr. Parsan earned his Undergraduate Medical Degree at the University of the West Indies, Faculty of Medical Sciences, where he graduated with Distinction. After spending eight (8) years as a Lecturer/Tutor at the Faculty of Medical Sciences (UWI), he pursued a Master of Business Administration (MBA), where he graduated as Top Student with Distinction. He also holds a Registered Financial Consultant (RFC) Degree, a CACM from Harvard University School of Public Health, and a World Trade Professional Degree from ITM Worldwide in Sweden. Dr. Parsan was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate for Education, Culture, and Humanitarian work from the Americana University, registered with Cambridge University (UK) and the Congress of Mexico.