Toward a Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Future

May 12, 2022
Virtual Event
12:00 – 3:30 PM

AGENDA AND BIOGRAPHIES

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WASHINGTON CONFERENCE
ON THE AMERICAS
Toward a Sustainable, Resilient, and Equitable Future

12:00 PM  MUSICAL PRESENTATION

12:10 PM  CONFERENCE WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Eric Farnsworth  
Vice President, Council of the Americas

Brian Nichols  
Assistant Secretary of State, Western Hemisphere Affairs

Introduced by Susan Segal, President and CEO, Council of the Americas

12:35 PM  PANEL: BUILDING THE REGIONAL TRADE AGENDA

Jayme White  
Deputy United States Trade Representative

Tatiana Clouthier  
Minister of Economy, Mexico

Maria Lombana  
Minister of Trade, Industry, and Tourism, Colombia

Shery Ahn  
Anchor, Bloomberg Television (Chair)

Introduced by Sarah Jane Gunter, Vice President Latin America, Amazon

1:20 PM  TRADE AS A STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE

Benjamin Sasse  
U.S. Senator, (R-NE)

Interviewed by Eric Farnsworth

1:45 PM  THE URGENCY OF REGIONAL RECOVERY

David Malpass  
President, World Bank Group

Introduced by Paul Freedman, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary, AES Corporation
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2:00 PM  SECURITY, COMPETITIVENESS, AND MIGRATION

Alejandro Mayorkas  
Secretary, United States Department of Homeland Security  

Interviewed by Susan Segal  
Introduced by Omar Vargas, Vice President and Head of Global Public Policy, General Motors

2:30 PM  PANEL: ENERGY TRANSITION IN THE AMERICAS

David Turk  
Deputy Secretary, United States Department of Energy  

Ángel Cabrera  
President, Georgia Institute of Technology  

Stuart Richard Young  
Minister of Energy, Trinidad and Tobago  

Omar Paganini  
Minister of Industry, Energy, and Mining, Uruguay  

Julian Nebreda  
Executive Vice President and President, US & Global Business Lines (Moderator)

3:15 PM  PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT AND INVESTMENT IN THE AMERICAS

Scott Nathan  
CEO, United States International Development Finance Corporation  

Introduced by Susan Segal

3:30 PM  CONFERENCE CLOSE
Council of the Americas

Andrés Gluski
President and CEO
The AES Corporation

Andrés Gluski has been Chairman of Council of the Americas since October 2015. He was named President and CEO of the AES Corporation in 2011. Under his leadership, AES has become a world leader in implementing clean technologies, including energy storage and renewable power. In 2021, AES was the top-ranking company in the power sector on the Wall Street Journal’s Top 250 Best Managed Companies. In March 2022, AES was named to Fast Company’s 2022 list of the World’s Most Innovative Companies. Guidehouse has consistently ranked Fluence—AES’ joint venture with Siemens—as the #1 grid-scale energy storage integrator in the world.

Andrés also established sustainability and corporate social responsibility goals that resulted in AES’ inclusion in the Dow Jones Sustainability Index for North America and designation as one of the World’s Most Ethical Companies by the Ethisphere® Institute for nine straight years. In 2021, the company established new aggressive carbon reduction goals including a target to achieve net zero carbon emissions from electricity sales by 2040.

He is a member of the Board of Waste Management. Andrés is a magna cum laude graduate of Wake Forest University and earned his MA and PhD in economics from the University of Virginia.

Susan Segal
President and CEO
Council of the Americas

Susan Segal was elected President and CEO of Americas Society/Council of the Americas in 2003 after having worked in the private sector with Latin America and other emerging markets for over 30 years. Prior to her appointment, Susan was a partner at Chase Capital Partners/JPMorgan Partners focusing on private equity in Latin America and pioneering early-stage venture capital investing in the region. As a banker, she focused on investment banking, building an emerging-market bond-trading unit, and the Latin American debt crisis of the 1980s and early 1990s when she chaired the Chilean and Philippine Advisory Committees. Susan is a board member at the Tinker Foundation, Scotiabank, Mercado Libre, Vista Oil & Gas, and the Bretton Woods Committee. She is also a director and chairman of Scotiabank USA, a non-public subsidiary of Scotiabank, and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. Susan has received numerous awards and honors throughout the region, including the Orden Bernardo O’Higgins, Chile; the Orden de San Carlos, Colombia; the Orden del Águila Azteca, Mexico; the Orden al Mérito por Servicios Distinguidos – Gran Oficial, Peru; and recognition as the North American-Chilean Chamber of Commerce’s Honorary Chilean of the Year. In 2022, Susan was recognized by Colombian President Iván Duque with the Orden de Boyacá in the category of Grand Cross.
Eric Farnsworth leads the Washington office of the Council of the Americas and the Americas Society with a passion for promoting the importance of the Western Hemisphere for U.S. economic, security, and strategic interests. He maintains an important thought leadership and advocacy role across a broad range of issues, including U.S. relations, economic development, trade, and energy; Asia-Latin American relations and global governance; and security and democracy. He consults frequently with senior U.S. government and foreign officials and private sector leaders, is a widely-sought conference speaker and media commentator, and publishes regularly in leading newspapers and journals. Prior to the Council, Mr. Farnsworth spent almost a decade in government with the U.S. Department of State, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, and Clinton White House. He also worked in the U.S. Senate with Sam Nunn (D-GA). His private sector experience includes positions with Manatt|Jones Global Strategies and also the Bristol-Myers Squibb Corporation. He earned a MPA in international relations from Princeton University.

Brian A. Nichols became Assistant Secretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs on September 15, 2021. Assistant Secretary Nichols previously served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Zimbabwe from 2018 to 2021. In that role, he promoted democracy, rule of law and human rights in Zimbabwe while managing multi-dimensional humanitarian crises brought on by corruption, climate change, and the COVID-19 pandemic.

Previously, Assistant Secretary Nichols served as the U.S. Ambassador to Peru from 2014 to 2017. He pioneered strategies against illegal gold mining, illegal logging, wildlife trafficking, and environmental degradation. He supported American trade and investment in Peru, increasing agricultural sales to over $1 billion annually, defending the rights of American investors, and building the Hemisphere’s largest public-private partnership—the U.S.-Peru Cacao Alliance.

Nichols was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) from 2011 to 2013. In that capacity, he oversaw the full range of rule of law programs, counter-narcotics, and multilateral issues managed by the bureau. From 2007 to 2010, he served as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Colombia, where he managed day-to-day U.S. diplomatic activities in Colombia including overseeing over $500 million in annual assistance. Nichols led the Office of Caribbean Affairs, coordinating U.S. policy toward 14 Caribbean countries from 2004 to 2007. Prior to that, he served as Political Counselor in Indonesia, as well as tours in Mexico and El Salvador during major democratic transitions. He began his Foreign Service career as a Consular Officer in Peru in 1989.
Sarah Jane Gunter
Vice President Latin America
Amazon

Sarah Jane Gunter is the Vice President of Latin America Consumer at Amazon. Since joining Amazon in 2003, Sarah Jane has held leadership roles launching and operating businesses around the world, including Country Manager for Amazon Canada, US Grocery Category Leader, head of Consumables for Amazon France, international head of Amazon Publishing, Technical Advisor to the CEO of Worldwide Consumer, and Vice President of Cross Channel Cross Category Marketing.

Sarah Jane holds an MBA from Wharton, an MA in International Studies from the University of Pennsylvania where she was a fellow at the Lauder Institute, a certificate in Museum Studies from the Harvard Extension School, and a BA in Russian and Economics from Wellesley College. She serves on the Seattle Colleges Foundation Board of Directors, the Wellesley College Board of Trustees, and is a former board member of the Page Ahead Children’s Literacy Program.

Jayme White
Deputy United States Trade Representative

Jayme White has spent two decades working to ensure American trade policy empowers American workers and promotes a sustainable environment. Mr. White grew up in Seattle, WA, where his family were union workers for Boeing. He went to Washington, DC to work for his hometown member of Congress in the House of Representatives, Representative Jim McDermott, who served on the Committee on Ways and Means, which has jurisdiction over international trade. Since then, he has played a role in nearly every major trade issue and trade legislation, over the last 20 years.

Mr. White has served in the US Senate since 2009, including as the chief trade advisor for the Senate Committee on Finance since 2014, under the leadership of Chairman Ron Wyden. During this tenure, White led efforts to level the playing field for American workers, through trade negotiations and agreements, and by reforming US trade laws to better respond to unfair foreign trade practices. In his role on the Finance Committee, he has long represented and advanced bipartisan US views to foreign trade leaders, and the outcomes of those efforts are evident in many trade agreements. Key provisions—especially enforceable measures on labor and the environment—found in the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) are a result of his efforts.

He is a graduate of Seattle Central Community College and holds a B.A. and M.A. from Georgetown University.
Tatiana Clouthier
Minister of Economy
Mexico

Tatiana Clouthier has a master’s degree in public administration from the Autonomous University of Nuevo León and a degree in English Language from the Tecnológico de Monterrey. She received training on governance and political perspectives for Mexico at Harvard University and has also received high-level training courses for servants in the Federal Public Administration of Mexico. She has been a lecturer at various institutes of higher education including the University of Berkeley in California and the London School of Economics in the United Kingdom. Tatiana Clouthier has worked closely with civil society organizations, and she was founder of the civil association “Evolución Mexicana.” In her political career, she was independent candidate for San Pedro Garza García Municipality in Monterrey Metropolitan Area in 2009. She served as local public servant during twelve years in the state of Nuevo León. Also, she was elected for the Federal Congress in the 59th legislature. In the 2018 elections, she was the campaign manager for current president Andrés Manuel López Obrador. She was elected as representative in the Chamber of Deputies for the 64th legislature. Currently, she is Minister of Economy for the Mexican Federal Government.

Maria Lombana
Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism
Colombia

Lawyer from the Universidad del Rosario, with a master’s degree in International Business Law from the Washington College of Law, which in turn belongs to the American University, and a master’s degree in Commercial Law from the University of Paris II- Panthéon-Assas.

Likewise, the Minister of Commerce, Industry and Tourism was a professor of Commercial Company Law at the universities of Rosario and La Sabana for 10 years.

She has worked as manager of strengthening programs in the National Agency for Legal Defense of the State and also in the Attorney General’s Office. She held the positions of Minister Plenipotentiary at the Colombian embassies in Spain (2014–2015) and France (2003–2005), as well as First Secretary at the Colombian Mission to the United Nations (1998–1999).

She was also Secretary General of the Ministry of the Interior for two years and Bancóldex for three years.

Her activities in the private sector include her participation as a partner in the law firms Cremades & Calvo Sotelo and Lombana Villalba Abogados.

Additionally, she has been an Arbitrator of the Arbitration and Conciliation Center of the Bogotá Chamber of Commerce (Commercial Law and Administrative Law), since January 2006. Added to this is her management as a researcher of the Legal Department of the Organization of American States (OEA) and as an advisor to the Center for the Fourth Industrial Revolution of the World Economic Forum (WEF).

The Minister declares herself as a person in love with our country, but with a heart from Santander, the land where she was born.
Shery Ahn
Anchor
Bloomberg Television (Moderator)

Shery Ahn is the New York-based anchor for Bloomberg Television’s flagship market open programs “Daybreak Asia” and “Daybreak Australia.” Every weekday from 6–9pm ET, Ahn brings the Wall Street close to Bloomberg’s global audience and kick starts the trading day for investors in Asia, setting up the agenda for the opens in Europe and the Middle East.

Ahn was raised in Bolivia and speaks Spanish, English, Korean and Japanese. While covering the emerging markets of Latin America, she interviewed top political leaders such as Chile’s president, Sebastián Piñera, Colombia’s Juan Manuel Santos and Brazil’s Michel Temer. She has also interviewed some of the most influential figures in American and European business such as Virgin Group founder Richard Branson.

Before moving to New York, Ahn was based in Hong Kong where she covered key events including the G20 summit from Hangzhou and BOJ policy decisions from Tokyo. Her conversations with Asian business leaders and policymakers include Baidu’s Robin Li, Bank of Japan Governor Haruhiko Kuroda and Tokyo’s Governor Yuriko Koike.

Prior to Bloomberg, Ahn was based in Tokyo as an anchor for Japan’s public broadcaster NHK World, where she reported live on the 2011 earthquake and Fukushima nuclear disaster. Ahn began her broadcast career in Seoul as a Diplomatic Correspondent covering North Korea and the Six-Party Nuclear Talks in Beijing.

Ahn graduated from Seoul National University and is currently earning an MS in Global Affairs from New York University.

Benjamin Sasse
U.S. Senator
(R-NE)

Ben Sasse is a fifth-generation Nebraskan with the honor of representing the Cornhusker state in the U.S. Senate.

Like many Nebraskans, Ben learned about hard work in corn and bean fields at an early age. The son of a coach and a graduate of Fremont High, he was recruited to wrestle at Harvard and subsequently earned a PhD in American history at Yale. An occasional professor, Ben spent most of his work life helping companies and institutions through technological and leadership disruptions. Before coming to the Senate, he was a college president for five years at Midland University, taking over at age 37 and transforming the college into one of the nation’s fastest-growing schools in just three years.

A member of the intelligence, judiciary, finance, and budget committees, Ben is focused on the future of work, the future of war, and the First Amendment. He worries that the Senate lacks urgency about cyber and about the nation’s generational debt crisis.

Ben has written two books – one about economies with limited work for teenagers, and the other about the paradox of loneliness and collapsing local community. Both books quickly became national best-sellers.
Paul Freedman
Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary
AES Corporation

Paul leverages a unique breadth and depth of knowledge in traditional and alternative energy across multiple markets to bring new projects and partnerships to life for our customers. Over his 14 years at AES he has advanced numerous transformative initiatives to position AES as a global leader in the acceleration of a cleaner energy future.

Paul leads our global legal team, serves as a principal advisor to the Board and oversees our ethics and compliance functions. He previously served as Chief of Staff to the CEO and in several positions in AES’ legal group, working on M&A, joint ventures, project development and regulatory matters.

Legal 500 named Paul a Corporate Counsel 100 U.S Rising Star in 2014, standing out for his legal and business acumen to foster some of the most complex, cross-border billion-dollar transactions to make meaningful impacts across global communities.

Today, he brings his unique expertise to our U.S. utility businesses as a board member of IPALCO and Dayton Power and Light. He also serves on the Boards of the Business Council for International Understanding and the Coalition for Integrity, organizations that promote global economic cooperation and combat corruption, respectively. Since 2006, he has partnered with the International Law Institute as a course advisor and lecturer, training government officials from developing countries on Capital Markets Development and Regulation.

Prior to AES, Paul spent five years as the chief legal advisor of the US Agency for International Development worldwide credit guaranty program, driving the portfolio from $100M to $1B to foster sustainable development and stimulate the economy in developing countries. He began his career working as a project finance lawyer at the law firms of White & Case and Freshfields.

Paul earned his bachelor’s degree at Columbia University and Juris Doctor at the Georgetown University Law Center. In his free time, Paul loves traveling with his wife and two daughters and has a life long passion for tennis.
David Malpass
President
World Bank Group

David R. Malpass was selected as 13th President of the World Bank Group by its Board of Executive Directors on April 5, 2019. His five-year term began on April 9.

Mr. Malpass previously served as Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs for the United States. Mr. Malpass represented the United States in international settings, including the G-7 and G-20 Deputy Finance Ministerial, World Bank–IMF Spring and Annual Meetings, and meetings of the Financial Stability Board, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

In 2018, Mr. Malpass advocated for the capital increase for the IBRD and IFC as part of a reform agenda featuring sustainable lending practices, more efficient use of capital, and a focus on raising living standards in poor countries. He was also instrumental in advancing the Debt Transparency Initiative, adopted by the Bank Group and the IMF, to increase public disclosure of debt and thereby reduce the frequency and severity of debt crises.

Before joining the U.S. Treasury, Mr. Malpass was an international economist and founder of a macroeconomics research firm based in New York City. He served as chief economist of Bear Stearns and conducted financial analyses of countries around the world.

Previously, Mr. Malpass served as the U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Developing Nations and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Latin American Economic Affairs. He focused on an array of foreign policy and development issues, including U.S. involvement in multilateral institutions; the Bank Group’s 1988 capital increase, which supported the creation of the Bank’s environment division; the Enterprise for the America’s Initiative; and Brady bonds to address the Latin American debt crisis. He also served as Senior Analyst for Taxes and Trade at the U.S. Senate Budget Committee, and as Staff Director of the Joint Economic Committee of the U.S. Congress.

Mr. Malpass has served on the boards of the Council of the Americas, Economic Club of New York, National Committee on U.S.–China Relations, Manhattan Institute, and Gary Klinsky Children’s Centers, as well as various for-profit entities. He is the author of numerous articles on economic development.

Mr. Malpass earned his bachelor’s degree from Colorado College and his MBA from the University of Denver. He was a CPA and undertook advanced graduate work in international economics at the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University and has studied Spanish, Russian, and French.

Mr. Malpass and wife Adele Malpass, a journalist, live in Washington, D.C. They have four children and share a strong family interest in development issues.
David Turk
Deputy Secretary
United States Department of Energy

Prior to his nomination as Deputy Secretary, Turk was the Deputy Executive Director of the International Energy Agency (IEA), where he focused on helping countries around the world tackle their clean energy transitions. He also directed reports on the digitalization of energy systems, the future of clean hydrogen, and a project tracking progress on a wide range of clean energy technologies.

During the Obama-Biden Administration, Turk coordinated international technology and clean energy efforts at DOE. During this time, he helped spearhead the launch of Mission Innovation—a global effort to enhance clean energy innovation.

Turk also served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director at the U.S. National Security Council, where he coordinated interagency legislative affairs efforts by the full range of national security agencies and provided legislative advice to National Security Council decision-making. He also previously worked at the U.S. Department of State, including as Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change and helping to coordinate New Start Treaty ratification efforts in the U.S. Senate.

Earlier in his career, Turk worked in both the U.S. Senate, primarily on national security issues, and as the Staff Director of the National Security Subcommittee of the House Oversight Committee.

Turk was born in Quito, Ecuador and raised in Rock Falls, Illinois. He is a graduate of both the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Virginia Law School. He and his wife, Emily Turk, have three children.

Ángel Cabrera
President
Georgia Institute of Technology

Ángel Cabrera is the 12th president of the Georgia Institute of Technology. One of America’s leading research universities, Georgia Tech serves 44,000 students through top-ranked graduate and undergraduate programs ranging from engineering and science to business, computing, design, and liberal arts, and receives more than $1.2 billion in research awards every year.

Under Cabrera’s leadership, more than 5,700 members of the Georgia Tech community contributed to a new 10-year strategic plan that launched in November 2020. The plan is grounded on a new mission statement that reaffirms Tech’s commitment to “developing leaders who advance technology and improve the human condition.”

As president during the Covid-19 pandemic, Cabrera has led the Institute through one of the most critical times in its history to break records in student applications and enrollment, graduation rates, and research awards. Today, Georgia Tech is one of the fastest-growing and most research-intensive universities in the nation.

Cabrera came to Georgia Tech on Sept. 1, 2019, after serving for seven years as president of George Mason University (GMU) in Virginia. During his presidency, GMU joined the
top tier of research universities in the Carnegie Classification and was the fastest growing institution in the state. Before leading GMU, Cabrera was president of the Thunderbird School of Global Management, now part of Arizona State University, and dean of IE Business School in Madrid.

As a business educator, Cabrera has played a key role in advancing professional ethics, internationalization, and corporate social responsibility. In 2007, while serving as a senior advisor to the United Nations Global Compact, he was the lead author of the “Principles for Responsible Management Education” (PRME). A United Nations–supported initiative that advances sustainable development through management education, PRME has been adopted by more than 800 schools around the world. He is also a co-founder of the University Global Coalition, a global network of universities working in partnership with the United Nations in support of its Sustainable Development Goals.

Cabrera has been named a “Young Global Leader” by the World Economic Forum, a “Star of Europe” by Bloomberg Businessweek, a “Henry Crown Fellow” by the Aspen Institute, and a “Great Immigrant” by the Carnegie Corporation of New York. He has received honorary degrees from Miami Dade College and Universidad Politécnica de Madrid.

Cabrera serves on the boards of the National Geographic Society, Harvard College Visiting Committee, Atlanta Committee for Progress, Metro Atlanta Chamber, and Bankinter Innovation Foundation in Spain. He has served on the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond, the advisory boards of Georgia Tech and Instituto Tecnológico de Monterrey, and three publicly traded companies.

Cabrera earned his M.S. and Ph.D. in psychology and cognitive science from Georgia Tech, which he attended as a Fulbright Scholar. He also holds a B.S. and an M.S. in computer and electrical engineering from Universidad Politécnica de Madrid. His academic publications have been cited thousands of times, and he has been featured or quoted in leading media around the world.

He is married to management scholar and Georgia Tech classmate, Elizabeth. Their son, Alex, is a Georgia Tech graduate and currently a Ph.D. student at Carnegie Mellon University. Their daughter, Emilia, is a graduate of Harvard University. Cabrera is the first native of Spain to serve as president of an American university.

**Stuart Richard Young**

*Minister of Energy*

*Trinidad and Tobago*

Stuart Richard Young as a practicing attorney, was elected to Parliament on September 8, 2015 as the member for Port-of-Spain North/St Ann’s West. He first served as a Minister in the Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs. Since then Young has served in several Ministerial capacities as Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister, as Minister of Communications and Minister of National Security. Currently, he is the appointed Minister of Energy and Energy Industries in addition to his duties as Minister in the Office of the Prime Minister. Young is member of several Cabinet Sub Committees. A graduate of the University of Nottingham, where he studied law and later, he was admitted to the bar in Trinidad & Tobago, England and Wales, the Commonwealth of Dominica and Antigua and Barbuda.
Omar Paganini
Minister of Industry
Energy and Mining, Uruguay

Omar Paganini is the current minister of industry, energy and mining in the Government of the Republic of Uruguay. In 2003, he became dean of the engineering faculty of the Catholic University of Uruguay. Then, he served as vice chancellor of economic management and development of that same institution and up until his appointment as minister of Industry, Energy and Mining, he was the director of the UCU business school. Previously, between 2001 and 2003, he joined the consulting firm ITC of Antel. In 1995, he joined the department of Payandasú as the director of the company Paylana S.A., where he generated innovations within textile technology following his founding of a company offering services in engineering and automation for the industry in 1990.

Omar Paganini is an electrical engineer with a degree from the University of the Republic and has a master’s in business management from the Catholic University of Uruguay. Additionally, he studied entrepreneurship at both Stanford University and UC Berkeley, as well as negotiation as part of the Global PON program organized by Harvard University.

Julian Nebreda
Executive Vice President and President
US & Global Business Lines

Julian is Executive Vice President and President, US & Global Business Lines. His international experience in the broad energy, finance, legal and public sectors has shaped his leadership throughout AES to align and energize our people around our strategy to create value on the communities where we work.

Originally trained as a lawyer specialized in finance, Julian has since focused his career directing AES businesses across Europe, Central America and the Caribbean. He has a proven track record managing our diverse businesses and confronting diverse strategic challenges in a variety of geographic and cultural settings. How he accelerates the future of energy is as diverse as his international experience, from managing major construction projects like the Andrés generation facility in the Dominican Republic, the first LNG terminal in the Caribbean to leading the transformation of AES Gener in Chile from a traditional generator to a renewable company focus on offering sustainable solutions to its customers. Before joining AES, he made impacts in the public sector with the Inter-American Development Bank, where served as Counselor to the Executive Director of Venezuela and Panama.

Julian graduated cum laude from Universidad Católica Andrés Bello in Caracas. He later earned a master of laws in common law with a Fulbright fellowship and a master of laws in securities and financial regulations from Georgetown University.

Julian is married to Adela Bello and has four grown children. His family has been enriched by the wide array of experiences that his diverse career with AES has provided to all of them. He enjoys running and spending time with his dog, Luna.
Omar Vargas
Vice President & Head of Global Public Policy
General Motors

Omar Vargas was appointed vice president, Global Public Policy, at General Motors on Aug. 1, 2021. In this role, Vargas will advocate for policy solutions in support of GM’s vision and commitment to an allelectric future. Prior to joining GM, Vargas was senior vice president and chief Government Affairs officer for 3M Company. Before that, Vargas held senior government relations roles with Praxair and PepsiCo, handling a range of international and U.S. federal and state issues. He was appointed by President George W. Bush to the U.S. Department of Justice, where he served in a variety of capacities and his portfolio included a broad range of law enforcement, civil rights, national security and immigration policy matters. His government service preceded his work in private practice. Vargas holds a Bachelor of Arts in political science from Seton Hall University, a Master of Arts in international law, organizations and economic development from the School of International Service at American University and a Juris Doctor from the Washington College of Law at American University.

Alejandro Mayorkas
Secretary
United States Department of Homeland Security

Alejandro Mayorkas was sworn in as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security by President Biden on February 2, 2021.

Mayorkas is the first Latino and immigrant confirmed to serve as Secretary of Homeland Security. He has led a distinguished 30-year career as a law enforcement official and a nationally-recognized lawyer in the private sector. Mayorkas served as the Deputy Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security from 2013 to 2016, and as the Director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services from 2009 to 2013. During his tenure at DHS, he led the development and implementation of DACA, negotiated cybersecurity and homeland security agreements with foreign governments, led the Department’s response to Ebola and Zika, helped build and administer the Blue Campaign to combat human trafficking, and developed an emergency relief program for orphaned youth following the tragic January 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Mayorkas also created the Fraud Detection and National Security Directorate to better ensure the integrity of the legal immigration system.

Mayorkas began his government service in the Department of Justice, where he served as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Central District of California, specializing in the prosecution of white collar crime. After nearly nine years as a federal prosecutor, he became the youngest United States Attorney in the nation, overseeing prosecutions of national significance, including the investigation and prosecution of financial fraud, violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, public corruption, violent crime, cyber crime, environmental crime, international money laundering, and securities fraud.

Mayorkas received his bachelor’s degree with distinction from the University of California at Berkeley and a law degree from Loyola Law School.
Scott Nathan
CEO
United States International Development Finance Corporation

Scott A. Nathan serves as the Chief Executive Officer of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (DFC). He was appointed by the President and confirmed by the Senate on February 9th, 2022.

Most recently, Mr. Nathan served as the Senior Advisor to the White House Office of Presidential Personnel after having worked on the Biden-Harris Presidential Transition’s Appointments team, where he oversaw appointments for the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), and the General Services Administration (GSA).

He previously served during the Obama-Biden Administration as the Associate Director for General Government Programs at OMB, where he led a team of OMB experts overseeing a range of policy, budget, and management issues impacting numerous cabinet departments and federal agencies.

Prior to public service, Mr. Nathan was for nearly two decades a partner, management committee member, and the Chief Risk Officer of The Baupost Group, a private investment partnership based in Boston. There, he gained extensive experience investing across asset classes and global markets while also leading some of the firm’s management and operational initiatives.

He graduated from Harvard College and has a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a MBA from Harvard Business School. Additionally, he attended Emmanuel College, Cambridge University in England as the Lionel de Jersey Harvard Scholar.

Mr. Nathan lives with his family in Washington, D.C.
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