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Paul Weisenfeld serves as Assistant to the Administrator, directing the Bureau for Food Security, which leads President Obama's Feed the Future Initiative. In this capacity, he is responsible for overseeing the Agency's technical and regional expertise focused on improving food security and reducing persistent rural poverty. The Bureau works with host government and private sector partners to address the needs of smallholder farmers and agribusinesses, emphasizing the empowerment of women; strengthen the enabling environment for strong agricultural markets; promote research and innovation for agricultural development; and increase our investments in nutrition, while maintaining our support for humanitarian food assistance. A Minister-Counselor in the Senior Foreign Service, Weisenfeld has served for nearly twenty years at USAID in four overseas posts and in Washington, D.C.

From October 2010- March 2011 Weisenfeld served as Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for USAID's Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean. Just prior to this assignment, from January- September 2010, he was the Coordinator of USAID's Haiti Task Team, reporting directly to the USAID Administrator and responsible for coordinating the Haiti post-earthquake recovery effort from Washington as it supported recovery and reconstruction efforts in the field.

From 2006 to January 2010, Weisenfeld served as USAID's Mission Director in Peru. In this position, he oversaw programs addressing education, health, economic growth, environment, democracy, alternative development, regional trade capacity building, and development of the Peru-Ecuador border region. From 2002-2006, he served as Mission Director in Zimbabwe, overseeing programs in the areas of HIV and AIDS, democracy and governance, small enterprise development, and humanitarian assistance.

His extensive career with USAID includes serving as Senior Regional Legal Advisor in Egypt, from 1999-2002, Regional Legal Advisor in South Africa from 1995-1999, and Legal Advisor in the USAID Office of the General Counsel in Washington, D.C. from 1991-1995.

Weisenfeld worked in the private sector as an attorney with the law firms, Shaw, Pittman, Potts & Trowbridge from 1989-1991, and White & Case from 1987-1989.

A New York City native, Weisenfeld earned his bachelor's degree from Queens College and his law degree from The Harvard Law School, where he was an editor on The Harvard Law Review.