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CHARLES NORTH



MISSION DIRECTOR

A Senior Foreign Service Officer, Charles North was sworn in as USAID's mission director in Russia in August 2010. North oversees the Agency's \$60 million Russia program, which focuses on health, civil society, rule of law, local governance, conflict mitigation, the environment, clean energy, business development and the media. This is North's second tour of duty in Russia; from 2000 to 2003 he served as director of the Program and Project Development Office.

North joined USAID in 1987 and has worked for more than 15 years in overseas posts, including missions in Kenya, Sudan, Mozambique, El Salvador and Russia.

Previous positions include serving as senior deputy director of the Agency's Afghanistan and Pakistan Task Force, and adviser to the assistant administrator for the Bureau for Asia. In his task force position, North supported two of USAID's largest programs, with a combined 2010 budget of \$4.8 billion. He has also served as director of the Policy Office in the Bureau for Policy and Program Coordination (2004-2006), and as regional director for the Western Hemisphere in the State Department's Office of the Director of Foreign Assistance (2006-2008). As regional director, he coordinated a \$1.5 billion annual assistance budget across federal agencies, and helped launch the \$1.6 billion dollar presidential initiative to support Mexico and Central America in battling organized crime and drug trafficking.

North is a graduate of Wesleyan University, and holds a master's in management from Yale University.

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