

MICHELE M. SUMILAS

Results-driven senior executive with 25 years of strategic leadership experience on U.S. international assistance, global development policy, and multilateral partnerships. Proven ability to develop and implement global development policy, lead global organizations and drive organizational engagement, growth and impact. Skilled manager of external stakeholder engagement in multilateral and cross-sector negotiations. Adept at mobilizing broad networks across government, private and philanthropic sectors, and international organizations to achieve common policy goals and meet mission-driven objectives.

EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE

U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (USGLC) - Washington, DC

DIRECTOR, NATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

(2025 - present)

- Lead engagement and mobilization of business and non-profit leaders as well as state and local government officials on foreign policy and international assistance in 34 states.
- Develop policy and advocacy strategies in response to Trump Administration international assistance reform proposals including coordination with the Washington DC policy and advocacy communities.
- Engage with Capitol Hill policymakers on international development assistance policy issues.

U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) – Washington, DC

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCES (Acting)

(2024 - 2025)

- Served as Chief Operating Officer, overseeing global operations with a \$32B budget, 13,000+ employees across 80 offices worldwide, aligning strategic priorities with resources.
- Worked across the U.S. government interagency and with international partners in government, private sector and non-profit organizations to advance joint objectives.
- Led core operational functions driving efficiency and modernization efforts.

ASSISTANT TO THE ADMINISTRATOR,

BUREAU FOR PLANNING, LEARNING AND RESOURCE

(2021 - 2024)

- Responsible for shaping the Agency's policy agenda. Visioned, developed and implemented 15+ strategic policies aligning programs with USAID's mission and administration priorities, including the USAID Strategic Framework, first People's Republic of China (PRC) strategy and Locally-led Development Strategy.
- Led USAID's policy and budget negotiations with White House and Congress. Developed a new Philanthropy Outreach unit and led relationships with philanthropic institutions and multilateral organizations to complement USAID's localization policy.
- Served as the lead U.S. government negotiator for development at the OECD-DAC, including as U.S. government representative at Tidewater Development Ministers Annual meetings, G7 and G20 negotiations as well as relevant United Nations forums.

CHIEF OF STAFF | DEPUTY CHIEF OF STAFF

(2014 - 2017) | (2012 - 2014)

- Advised senior leadership on national security, policy development and operations.
- Led special projects and crisis response, including stand-up of the 2014 Ebola Task Force. Developed policy solutions for food security, power in Africa and innovation and science.
- Coordinated relationships across the U.S. Government, global development partners and key private sector organizations.

Bread for the World & Bread for the World Institute – Washington DC **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | MANAGING DIRECTOR**

(2019 - 2021) | (2017 - 2019)

- Oversaw all aspects of domestic and international hunger policy, operations, board relations, and advocacy with a \$15M budget, a 50-person staff, and a network of 2.5M global members.
- Secured multi-year foundation grants, established and fundraised for a \$10M legacy program, and improved stability through a financial and organizational restructuring effort.
- Developed a 10-year strategic plan to guide organizational growth and policy impact.

OTHER SENIOR LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

U.S. Agency for International Development – Washington, DC

Senior Advisor, Office of Budget and Resource Management (2011 - 2012)

U.S. House of Representatives – Washington, DC

Professional Staff Member, Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Other Programs (2007 - 2011)

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation – Washington, DC

Program Officer, Global Health Advocacy (2006 - 2007)

Global Health Council – Washington, DC

Director, Government Relations (2002 - 2006) | Senior Legislative Associate (2000 - 2002)

BOARD MEMBERSHIPS AND OTHER EXPERIENCE

Society for International Development - Board Member (2021 - 2024)

Global Health Council - Vice Chair, Board of Directors (2019 - 2021)

Alliance to End Hunger - Board Member (2019 - 2021)

Center for Strategic and International Studies - Fellow (2017 - 2018)

EDUCATION

Masters of Public Health, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Bachelor of Arts in Psychobiology, Mount Holyoke College

CORE COMPETENCES

- Leadership, Strategic Planning & Execution
- Organizational Development & Change Management
- Cross-Sector Partnerships & Negotiations
- Crisis & Risk Management
- Policy Development & Advocacy
- Talent Development & Leadership
- Public Speaking & External Engagement