

Alex Palacios
Special Representative, GAVI Alliance
Washington, D.C.

Alex Palacios was appointed in 2008 as Special Representative for the GAVI Alliance. He is responsible for coordination between GAVI and the U. S. Government, non-government organizations, foundations and other entities.

Prior to his current appointment Alex served as the Managing Director for External Relations for the GAVI Alliance. In this role Alex was responsible globally for donor relations with governments, non-profit, and the private sector. He was appointed to this position after serving since 2003 as the Head of Program Funding for GAVI.

Prior to joining the GAVI Alliance, Alex served in two high level positions at UNICEF. From 2001 to 2003 he was Chief of the International and Corporate Alliances Section of UNICEF. From 1995 to 2001, he served as a Senior Program Funding Officer at UNICEF. In these positions he served as a focal point for UNICEF's relations with several government and private donors, including the United States, the United Kingdom, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and the private sector.

Alex also held several posts within the US Government, including Deputy Assistant Administrator for Legislative and Public Affairs at the US Agency for International Development (USAID), and Assistant General Counsel at the Peace Corps. Prior to those positions Alex served as the Assistant General Counsel at the Inter-American Foundation. From 1986 to 1993 Alex was the U. S. Representative for UNICEF in Washington, DC. In this capacity he worked with the U. S. Congress and various administrations on issues related to Child Survival and UNICEF. During this period he worked closely with UNICEF Ambassadors such as Hugh Downs, Judy Collins and Audrey Hepburn.

An attorney, Alex is a member of the Bar of the District of Columbia. He holds a BA in Anthropology from Amherst College and a JD from the Washington College of Law at American University.