

The Honorable Alice G. Wells  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of South and Central Asian Affairs  
U.S. Department of State

**Alice G. Wells**, a career Foreign Service Officer, assumed her duties as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for South and Central Asia on June 26, 2017. She previously served as the United States Ambassador to the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan; a senior adviser in the Near Eastern Affairs Bureau in the Department of State, as Special Assistant to the President for Russia and Central Asia in the White House (2012-2013); Executive Assistant to Secretary of State Clinton (2011-2012); and Executive Assistant to Under Secretary for Political Affairs William J. Burns (2009-2011).

From 2006 to 2009, Ambassador Wells served as Minister Counselor for Political Affairs at U.S. Embassy Moscow, and previously worked as Director of Maghreb Affairs and as Acting Director of Egypt and North African Affairs in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs.

Ambassador Wells also served as a political officer at U.S. Embassy New Delhi, U.S. Embassy Islamabad and U.S. Embassy Riyadh.

Ambassador Wells has a B.A. from Stanford University and a joint M.A. from the University of California at Los Angeles/Rand Corporation. She speaks Russian and has studied Arabic, Urdu and Hindi.