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Sarah-Ann Lynch is the Acting Assistant Administrator for USAID's Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC). Prior to assuming her current role, Ms. Lynch served as the Senior Deputy Assistant Administrator for LAC from January 2015 to January 2017. Before joining LAC, Ms. Lynch was the Mission Director in Iraq where she oversaw a complex portfolio focused on governance, democracy, and economic growth.

Previous to her assignment in Iraq, Ms. Lynch was the Director of the Office of Iraq and Arabian Peninsula Affairs in USAID's Middle East Bureau. A member of the Senior Foreign Service, Ms. Lynch has been with the Agency since 1993, and has served overseas in Bangladesh, Peru, Afghanistan and Iraq. In Washington, she has served in the regional bureaus of the Middle East, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the Bureau of Democracy, Conflict and Humanitarian Assistance, and the Office of Afghanistan and Pakistan Affairs (OAPA). Since joining USAID, Ms. Lynch has received numerous awards, including USAID's Distinguished Honor Award in 2010, the Agency's highest performance award, for her service in Afghanistan and OAPA.

Before settling on a career in the Foreign Service, Ms. Lynch worked in both international business and for a non-governmental organization. Ms. Lynch also served as a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco where she taught English at the secondary level.

Ms. Lynch is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, and holds master's degrees from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and the National War College.