

Ambassador Mark Green

Ambassador Mark Green joined IRI as president in January 2014. Prior to leading IRI, in 2013, he served as president and chief executive officer of the Initiative for Global Development, a nonprofit organization that engages corporate leaders to reduce poverty through business growth and investment in Africa.

From 2011 through early 2013, Green served as senior director at the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, a network of 400 businesses, nongovernmental organizations, policy experts and other leaders supporting development tools in American foreign policy.

A recognized leader in the foreign policy and business communities, Green served as the U.S. ambassador to Tanzania from mid-2007 to early 2009. While there, he led a mission of more than 350 Americans and Tanzanians and was ultimately responsible for some of the world's largest U.S.-led development programs.

Prior to serving as U.S. ambassador, Green served four terms in the U.S. House of Representatives representing Wisconsin's 8th District. While in Congress, he helped craft key policy initiatives including the Millennium Challenge Act and President George W. Bush's history-making AIDS program. He also served as an assistant majority whip.

Green serves on the Board of Directors of the Millennium Challenge Corporation, having first been appointed to that post by President Barack Obama and confirmed by the U.S. Senate in 2010 and reappointed in 2014. He is currently on the Human Freedom Advisory Council for the George W. Bush Institute and co-chairs the Consensus for Development Reform, a coalition of policy and business leaders devising new principles for making development policy more effective and growth-oriented. Alongside many other activities, Green is a board member of WorldTeach and is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Green holds a law degree from the University of Wisconsin Law School and a bachelor's degree from the University of Wisconsin—Eau Claire. In 2012, he was awarded an honorary doctor of science from Georgetown University's School of Nursing and Health Studies. In 2014, President Jakaya Kikwete of Tanzania presented him with a special Presidential Certificate of Recognition and Appreciation.