

Dr. Ariel Pablos-Méndez

Assistant Administrator



Dr. Ariel Pablos-Méndez is the Assistant Administrator for Global Health at USAID, a position he assumed in August 2011. Nominated by President Barack Obama in March 2011, Dr. Pablos-Méndez joined the USAID leadership team with a vision to shape the Bureau for Global Health's programmatic efforts to accomplish scalable, sustainable and measurable impact on the lives of people in developing countries as envisioned in the president's Global Health Initiative. In his capacity as assistant administrator for Global Health, he will focus his efforts to further advance the goals and reformatory recommendations expressed in the Presidential Policy Directives, Quadrennial Diplomacy and Development Review and USAID Forward. By fostering new working relationships and maintaining existing partnerships, Dr. Pablos-Méndez will direct the bureau's activities and approach toward a standard of technical excellence in implementation science.

Dr. Pablos-Méndez is an experienced public health physician who most recently served as managing director at the Rockefeller Foundation where he led its global health strategy on the transformation of health systems in Africa and Asia. He first joined the Rockefeller Foundation in 1998, spearheading public-private partnerships in research and development for diseases of poverty, the foundation's strategy on AIDS care in Africa, and the Joint Learning Initiative on Human Resources for Health. He also served as director of knowledge management at the World Health Organization (WHO) in Geneva, where he established WHO's first eHealth unit.

Dr. Pablos-Méndez is a board-certified internist and until recently was practicing as a professor of clinical medicine and epidemiology at Columbia University. He has served on various boards and international commissions, and received his M.D. from the University of Guadalajara's School of Medicine and his M.P.H. from Columbia University.