



Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary

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Ambassador Bruce Wharton joined the Africa Bureau as Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary on December 15, 2015. In his last assignment he served as the U.S. Ambassador to Zimbabwe from September 2012 to November 2015. Ambassador Wharton has also served as AF Deputy Assistant Secretary for Public Diplomacy, AF Director of the Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, and Deputy Coordinator of the State Department's Bureau of International Information Programs. He was Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Guatemala 2003 to 2006.

Bruce Wharton entered the Foreign Service in 1985 and has served at U.S. embassies in Argentina, Chile, Bolivia, South Africa, Guatemala, and Zimbabwe. In Africa, he has also had temporary duty in Tanzania, Nigeria, Kenya, and Ghana. From 1992 to 1995 he worked in Washington, D.C. on Andean Affairs and Western Hemisphere policy issues. He has received Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards from the Department of State and the U.S. Information Agency, and was the 2011 recipient of the Edward R. Murrow Award for Excellence in Public Diplomacy.

Mr. Wharton was born in Basel, Switzerland, is a graduate of the University of Texas, and speaks Spanish and German.