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Scott Morris is a senior fellow at the Center for Global Development and director of the US Development Policy Initiative. This initiative seeks to broaden the US government's approach to development, including the full range of investment, trade, and technology policies, while also strengthening existing foreign assistance tools. Additionally, he works on issues related to the International Financial Institutions (IFIs) and particularly the relationship between the IFIs and the United States. Morris served as deputy assistant secretary for development finance and debt at the US Treasury Department during the first term of the Obama Administration. In that capacity, he led US engagement with the World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank, African Development Bank, EBRD, and Asian Development Bank. He also represented the US government in the G-20's Development Working Group and was the Treasury's "+1" on the board of the Millennium Challenge Corporation. During his time at Treasury, Morris led negotiations for four general capital increases at the multilateral development banks and replenishments of the International Development Association (IDA), Asian Development Fund, and African Development Fund.

Before his post at the US Treasury, Morris was a senior staff member on the Financial Services Committee in the US House of Representatives, where he was responsible for the Committee's international policy issues, including the Foreign Investment and National Security Act of 2007 (the landmark reform of the CFIUS process), as well multiple reauthorizations of the US Export-Import Bank charter and approval of a \$108 billion financing agreement for the International Monetary Fund in 2009. Previously, Morris was a vice president at the Committee for Economic Development in Washington, DC.