

Biography for Adam D. Kaplan

As Associate Deputy Inspector General at USAID OIG, Adam works with senior administration officials and the United States Congress to ensure accountability of U.S.-funded foreign assistance, with a focus on preventing fraud, corruption, and diversion of humanitarian aid by terrorist organizations.

In his role, Adam represents USAID OIG in external engagements with United Nations (UN) agencies, bilateral partners, international nongovernmental organizations, contractors, and the media. He is a frequent speaker at aid and development forums on the importance of detecting, preventing, and reporting allegations of misconduct involving American taxpayer dollars.

Specializing in oversight of billions of dollars in foreign assistance to Gaza and Ukraine, Adam works to ensure that USAID OIG criminal investigators have access to information necessary to conduct their criminal, civil, and administrative investigative work. In furthering these efforts, Adam has authored numerous bilateral information-sharing agreements with European Union, Ukrainian, and UN investigative and antifraud bodies. Adam also leads USAID OIG's UN accountability portfolio, and his work supports U.S. government and congressional efforts to advance maximum oversight and accountability over taxpayer-funded foreign assistance implemented by UN agencies.

Prior to this role, Adam served as USAID OIG's Deputy General Counsel, supporting law enforcement personnel and the Department of Justice on criminal investigations, False Claims Act cases, and suspension/debarment actions. In 2023, Adam received the Council of Inspectors General's Gaston L. Gianni Better Government Award for his work in bringing unprecedented debarment actions against World Health Organization officials who sexually assaulted women and minors in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

From 2009 to 2018, Adam was Assistant Counsel to the Inspector General at the U.S. Small Business Administration, supporting investigations of small business loan and contracting fraud as well as program audits. He started his career in private practice with the law firm of Ober Kaler (now Baker Donelson). A native of Washington, DC, Adam received his JD and BA from the University of Maryland.