

## Deputy Assistant Secretary Luis E. Arreaga

Term of Appointment: 11/25/2013 to present

Ambassador Luis E. Arreaga was appointed Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs in November, 2013. In this capacity he is responsible for State Department programs combating illicit drugs and organized crime, as well as support for law enforcement and rule of law in the Western Hemisphere.

Prior to this appointment, Ambassador Arreaga served as United States Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland from 2010 until 2013. Ambassador Arreaga is a career member of the Foreign Service with the rank of Minister Counselor. Before his nomination as Ambassador to the Republic of Iceland, he led State Department efforts to recruit and hire the largest increase in Foreign Service personnel in the U.S. State Department history.

He previously served as Deputy Chief of Mission at the United States Embassy in Panama, U.S. Consul General in Vancouver, Canada and as director of the Executive Secretariat Staff at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. He has also served as Deputy Director of the State Department's Operations Center and Special Assistant to the Under Secretary for Political Affairs. Other overseas postings include United States Mission to the United Nations in Geneva, the United States Embassy in Spain, and the Agency for International Development in Peru, El Salvador, and Honduras.

Luis Arreaga was born and raised in Guatemala before immigrating to the United States. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee where he received a PhD in economics and a Masters Degree in Management.