

Jason Green - Public Affairs Officer



Jason most recently served for two years as Public Affairs Officer (PAO) at the U.S. Consulate General in Karachi, Pakistan, where he oversaw a team of four American officers and sixteen Locally Engaged Staff (LES). Prior to Karachi, he served as Deputy PAO at the U.S. Consulate General in Johannesburg, South Africa. He also served as Special Advisor for High-Level Programs in the Bureau of African Affairs, Office of Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs (AF/PDPA). His primary role in this position was to lead the State Department's coordination of President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI), the largest PD program in the Bureau's history. Jason also served as Deputy Cultural Affairs Officer at Embassy Kabul, Cultural Coordinator in AF/PDPA, and Consular Officer at Embassy Tel Aviv. He has received four Superior Honor Awards for his "exceptional leadership under adverse conditions" in Pakistan; for supporting Afghanistan's first-ever democratic transition of executive power; for his work with African Chief Justices, which culminated in the first-ever Presidential Roundtable with African jurists when President Obama visited Dakar, Senegal in 2013; and for "leadership and strategic vision in the implementation of President Obama's Young African Leaders Initiative." Prior to the Foreign Service, Jason was in-house counsel at the Screen Actors Guild in Los Angeles.

David Hodge - Consul General in São Paulo



David Hodge began his assignment as Consul General in São Paulo on July 13, 2021. He is a member of the Senior Foreign Service and began his diplomatic career 30 years ago, as a Vice Consul in Rio de Janeiro. He served twice at the U.S. Embassy in Brasília.

Before returning to Brazil, he served as Deputy Chief of Mission in Guatemala City and as Chargé d’Affaires in Panama City in 2019. At the State Department, Mr. Hodge was the Director for Public Affairs and Public Diplomacy in the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs and also was an Assessor at the Board of Examiners.

Earlier in his career, Consul General Hodge served as the Counselor for Public Affairs at U.S. Embassies in Bangkok and La Paz, and Cultural Attaché in Brasília and Lima. He was also assigned as Political/Economic Chief in Maputo, Deputy Consul General in Buenos Aires, Political Officer in Lisbon, and Environment, Science, and Technology Attaché in Brasília.

Mr. Hodge grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana. He received undergraduate degrees from Indiana University in Bloomington and a Master’s from Georgetown University in Washington, DC.

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Vicki Arroyo - Associate Administrator for Policy at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Vicki Arroyo currently serves as the Associate Administrator for Policy at the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

In this role she oversees a diverse portfolio at the agency that includes regulatory policy and management, environmental justice, climate adaptation, environmental economics, community revitalization, NEPA and more.

For 12 years prior, Arroyo served as Executive Director of the Georgetown Climate Center, where she was also a Professor at Georgetown Law. Arroyo oversaw the Georgetown Climate Center's work at the nexus of climate and energy policy, supervising staff and student work on climate mitigation and adaptation at the city, state, and federal level.

Earlier in her career, Arroyo directed the Pew Center on Global Climate Change's domestic policy program for over a decade while also managing the Center's work on science, environmental impact, adaptation and economics. Arroyo has served on several federal panels and boards, including the National Science Foundation and the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, serving as Chair of the Transportation Research Board through early last year.

She holds a Bachelor of Science in Biology from Emory University, where she received high honors, a Master of Public Administration from Harvard University and a JD Magna Cum Laude from Georgetown University's Law Center.

Dra. Patrícia Iglecias – Director President of CETESB –
Environmental Agency of São Paulo State



Academic background: Associate professor, PhD and Master's in Law (2002), all from University of São Paulo. In her professional career, she was the Environmental Secretary of São Paulo State Government and Superintendent of Environmental Management at University of São Paulo.

Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law of the University of São Paulo, with experience in environmental advocacy and the coordination of research projects. Authoress of published papers and books in the environmental area. She has participated and moderated several events and interviews.

Among her awards and titles, she receives the Sustainability Highlight - WOCA - in tribute and recognition of her career in favor of environmental management and acting in the UN Global Compact - Cities Programme, GCSM - Global Sales Marketing Council.

Maria Fernanda Pelizzon Garcia - Manager of the Climate Change and Multilateral Agreements Division at CETESB



Maria Fernanda Pelizzon Garcia is the Manager of the Climate Change and Multilateral Agreements Division at CETESB - Environmental Company of the State of São Paulo, since 2017. She is responsible for the coordination of CETESB's work on climate change, as the development of projects related to climate adaptation and mitigation, highlighting the coordination of the capacity building for the municipalities of the Baixada Santista region, the development of climate projections for the State of São Paulo and assessment of mandatory inventories of greenhouse gases emissions of activities in the state. She has worked in the climate change field since 2007, primarily for the private sector and from 2011, she has been an environmental analyst at CETESB, where she occupied a position of advisor of the Vice-President, from 2012 to 2016.

She has a B.S. degree in Environmental Engineer from UNESP – São Paulo State University and master degree in Business from FGV – Getulio Vargas Foundation. In 2018 she participated in the IVLP - International Visitor Leadership Program, in the United States for Resilient Cities.

Joel Scheraga - Senior Advisor for Climate Adaptation in the Office of Policy at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)



Dr. Joel Scheraga is the Senior Advisor for Climate Adaptation in the Office of Policy at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). He leads EPA's work on climate adaptation to ensure the agency continues to fulfill its mission of protecting public health and the environment even as the climate changes. A central focus of this effort is supporting states, tribes, territories, local communities, and businesses as they prepare for and increase their resilience to the impacts of climate change, with a particular focus on advancing environmental justice.

In December 2015, Dr. Scheraga was honored with a Presidential Rank Award, the highest honor given to career members of the federal Senior Executive Service. Dr. Scheraga was a Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), which was awarded the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize.

Jorge Gouveia – Manager of the Strategic and Institutional Development Department at CETESB.



He is Ph.D. in Sciences from the Institute of Energy and Nuclear Research (IPEN), a Masters Degree in Public Health from the University of São Paulo (USP), specialization in Pollution Control Engineering from the Faculty of Public Health at USP, graduation in Industrial Chemistry from the Federal University of Paraíba (UFPB).

Sanjay Seth - Climate Resilience Program Manager



He serves on the Climate Ready Boston team at the Environment Department, where he leads neighborhood climate resilience planning, manages the Climate Ready Boston program in collaboration with a wide range of partners, and engages in other plans, projects, and partnerships that address the impacts of climate change and protect the health and well-being of all residents and communities in Boston.

Prior to his time with the city, Sanjay worked on an interdisciplinary consultant team on behalf of the City of New York to develop a plan for a multi-billion dollar investment to protect the city from the impacts of climate change. Additionally, he served on the teaching team at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government for a hands-on course focused on building effective, values-driven organizing campaigns. He also served as a Fellow of the Bloomberg Harvard City Leadership Initiative, developing tailored management, leadership, and decision-making programs for mayors and their senior staff.

Originally from Bismarck, North Dakota, Sanjay received his BA (Hons) in Economics, Politics, and Public Policy from Goldsmiths, University of London, his Master in Urban Planning from the Harvard Graduate School of Design, and his Master in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. He is the founder of the Climate Leaders Program at Harvard, a year-long training program for students with a professional interest in climate action, and also Co-Founder and Co-President of Harvard Alumni for Climate and the Environment.

Eduardo Kimoto Hosokawa - Head of the Climate Change Section (SECLIMA) of the Secretariat of the Environment (SEMAM) of the Municipality of Santos and Vice Coordinator of the Climate Change Municipal Council (CMMC)



He is Civil Engineer, Specialist in Geotechnologies, Master in Territorial Dynamic Environmental Analysis by the Institute of Geosciences at the State University of Campinas (UNICAMP).