

Speaker Biographies

The Honorable Jim McDermott Member, U.S. House of Representatives

Rep. Jim McDermott (D-WA) is serving in his twelfth term in the U.S. House of Representatives representing the 7th Congressional District of Washington State, which includes Seattle and parts of several neighboring communities. As a senior member of the Ways and Means Committee, Representative McDermott is the ranking member of its Trade Subcommittee and also serves on its Human Resources Subcommittee and its Oversight Subcommittee. After completing his medical residency and military service in the Navy, he made his first run for public office in 1970 and was elected to the State Legislature from the 43rd Legislative District of Washington State. In 1974, Jim successfully ran for the State Senate, and subsequently was re-elected three times. In 1987, after 15 years of legislative service, McDermott decided to leave politics and to continue in public service as a Foreign Service medical officer based in Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo), providing psychiatric services to Foreign Service, Agency for International Development, and Peace Corps personnel in sub-Saharan Africa. When the 7th District Congressional seat became open, he returned from Africa to seek election to the U.S. House of Representatives. He was elected in 1988 to the 101st Congress and is currently serving in his 12th term.

Ambassador Demetrios Marantis Deputy United States Trade Representative, Office of the United States Trade Representative

Demetrios Marantis serves as Deputy USTR, nominated for this position by President Barack Obama, and confirmed by the Senate on May 6, 2009. He is responsible for U.S. trade negotiations and enforcement in Asia and Africa. He also leads USTR global initiatives on trade and development, labor, and the environment. Demetrios Marantis recently served as Chief International Trade Counsel (Majority) for the Senate Finance Committee. In this capacity, he advised Finance Committee Chairman Max Baucus (D - MT), as well as members and staff of the Finance Committee and Democratic Caucus, on trade and economic issues. Mr. Marantis joined the committee in February of 2005 after serving as Issues Director for Sen. John Edwards on the Kerry-Edwards 2004 presidential campaign. Prior to the campaign, Mr. Marantis spent two years in Hanoi as Chief Legal Advisor for the U.S.-Vietnam Trade Council where he provided technical assistance on international trade matters. Between 1998 and 2002, Mr. Marantis served as Associate General Counsel in the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative where he negotiated provisions of international trade agreements - including the U.S.-Singapore and U.S. Chile Free Trade Agreements - and represented the United States in WTO dispute settlement proceedings, including the U.S.-Mexico dispute on telecommunications. Mr. Marantis also worked for five years in the Washington, D.C. and Brussels, Belgium offices of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld. He holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and an A.B. in Public and International Affairs from Princeton University.

Ambassador Johnnie Carson
Assistant Secretary of State,
Bureau of African Affairs, U.S. Department of State

Ambassador Johnnie Carson was sworn in as Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of African Affairs, on May 7, 2009. Prior to this he was the National Intelligence Officer for Africa at the NIC, after serving as the Senior Vice President of the National Defense University in Washington D.C. (2003-2006). Carson's 37-year Foreign Service career includes ambassadorships to Kenya (1999-2003), Zimbabwe (1995-1997), and Uganda (1991-1994); and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Bureau of African Affairs (1997-1999). Earlier in his career he had assignments in Portugal (1982-1986), Botswana (1986-1990), Mozambique (1975-1978), and Nigeria (1969-1971). He has also served as desk officer in the Africa section at State's Bureau of Intelligence and Research (1971-1974); Staff Officer for the Secretary of State (1978-1979), and Staff Director for the Africa Subcommittee of the US House of Representatives (1979-1982). Before joining the Foreign Service, Ambassador Carson was a Peace Corps volunteer in Tanzania from 1965-1968. He has a Bachelor of Arts in History and Political Science from Drake University and a Master of Arts in International Relations from the School of Oriental and Africa Studies at the University of London.

Dr. Mukhisa Kituyi
The Brookings Institution
Former Minister for Trade and Industry, Republic of Kenya

Dr Mukhisa Kituyi is a Kenyan Scholar, researcher and politician. Currently he heads the Kenya Institute of Governance, a Nairobi-based non-profit public policy think tank primarily focusing on issues of governance, constitutional transformation and regional integration. Prior to this Dr Kituyi served as a member of parliament for 15 years. At various times he served as Chief Opposition Whip and Chairman of The Defense and Foreign Relations Committee in Kenya's Parliament. Between 2003 and 2008 he was Kenya's Minister for Trade and Industry, a period during which he played a leading role in the negotiations for the enhancement of AGOA, strengthening of African voices in multilateral trade negotiations, and deepening the process of regional integration. Dr Kituyi has also worked as Director of The African Centre for Technology Studies, a member of the team of experts on fast tracking East African integration and as the co-convener of non-state actors' convention on constitutional implementation in Kenya.

Florie Liser

Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa,
Office of the United States Trade Representative

Florizelle (Florie) Liser is the Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Africa in the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR). In this position, she leads U.S. trade efforts and investment in sub-Saharan Africa and oversees implementation of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). She also leads interagency negotiation and implementation of a number of trade and investment agreements with Sub-Saharan African nations. Ms. Liser has an extensive background in trade negotiations and Africa. From 2000-2003, she served as Assistant U.S. Ms. Liser was a founding member of TransAfrica (participating in the early planning sessions for its national launch), former co-chair of the Education Committee of the Washington, DC Chapter of TransAfrica, and has over many years been actively involved in promoting trade and development policies that recognize Africa's growing importance to the U.S. and its African-American citizens. Ms. Liser holds a M.A. in International Economics from Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and a B.A. in International Relations and Political Science from Dickinson College. She was born in Colon, Republic of Panama and raised in Brooklyn, New York.

Stephen Lande

President, Manchester Trade

is a distinguished international trade expert in the United States. Mr. Lande is Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University School of Foreign Service, and has lectured widely in Africa, Latin America, Europe, and Asia. Mr. Lande has been involved in international trade since the 1960s. He was initially assigned as a Foreign Service Officer to the Economic Bureau of the Department of States and then to American Embassies in Athens and in Luxembourg. He had a twelve year career with the Office of the United State Trade Representative as the Senior Trade negotiator and the first of a long-line of Assistant USTRs. In this role Mr. Lande negotiated many bilateral and multilateral trade agreements on behalf of the US Government in Asia, the Middle East and the Caribbean. Mr. Lande is viewed by many to be the "Father" of both the US Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) and the Caribbean Basin Initiative (CBI), and an early force in creating the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). More recently, he has been directly involved with U.S., Central American and African governments and businesses in advancing the approval of the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA), improvements to the Caribbean Basin Initiative, the spread bilateral of Free Trade Agreements (FTA's), and the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA).

A. Mark Neuman

Global Trade Policy Advisor, Retail Industry

Mark Neuman is Counselor for International Trade and Global Strategies for Limited Brands, the parent company of Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works, La Senza, Henri Bendel & Pink brands. In that capacity, he advises company leaders on issues related to production and sourcing, country risk, reputation capital and international trade policy. Neuman was recognized as a principal architect and strategist in the passage and implementation of the landmark African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA). He was also played a key role in the creation of what is today the largest US investment in the AGOA apparel sector -- Cottonline -- the vertically-integrated apparel and textile manufacturing complex located in Antsirabe, Madagascar. Prior to his current position, Neuman served in the Reagan White House as Associate Director of Political Affairs. Neuman earned a B.A. degree in Economics from the University of Illinois in 1985. He is a member of the University of Illinois President's Council, and the U of I Librarian's Council. He is a native of Champaign-Urbana, Illinois.

Callisto Madavo

Visiting Professor, African Studies Program, Georgetown University

Professor Callisto Madavo is a visiting professor to the African Studies Program at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, currently teaching a course on African Development. Before becoming a professor at Georgetown, he held several senior level positions at the World Bank, including the Regional Vice President for the Africa Region, Country Director for the East Asia and East Africa regions, as well as Division Chief of the Pakistan Programs Department. Most recently, he served as a special advisor to the President of the World Bank. Under AAI administered African Scholarship Program of American Universities (ASPAU), Professor Madavo was awarded a scholarship to attend Notre Dame University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in economics. He continued his studies at Notre Dame University, earning a master's degree and Ph.D. in development economics as well.

Jack Edlow

President, Edlow International

Co-Chair, Trade Advisory Committee on Africa

Jack Edlow started his career in the nuclear business at the tender age of 17 when he spent nine weeks as a summer intern at NUKEM in Germany. After graduating from George Washington University with a BA in Business Administration, he joined his father at Edlow International in 1969 and became Vice President one year later. After an "apprenticeship" of eight years under Sam Edlow, Jack Edlow took over the business as President in 1978. As President of Edlow International Company for over twenty years, Jack Edlow has been responsible for all phases of the company's activities including transportation, warehousing, and logistic support services for nuclear suppliers and users world-wide. Mr. Edlow is also Managing Director of Edlow International Australia Pty. Limited, Edlow International Company's Australian subsidiary in Melbourne. As a result of his many visits to Australia, Mr. Edlow is considered one of the foremost authorities on uranium development there. As President of Edlow East-West, Inc., Mr. Edlow has traveled to many Russian nuclear facilities and has acquired extensive personal knowledge of people and places. For example, he recently was one of a small group of foreign invitees celebrating with their Russian hosts the 50th anniversary of Tomsik.

Ambassador John Simon

Partner, Total Impact Advisors

Prior to founding Total Impact Advisors in 2008, John served for seven years in the US government, including as Ambassador to the African Union and Executive Vice President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC). At OPIC, John championed the Agency's involvement in the social impact investment marketplace, spearheading efforts to finance housing in Africa, small and medium businesses in Liberia, a large scale renewable power plant in Liberia, and a series of African private equity funds that recorded extraordinary social results as well as strong financial performance. Ambassador Simon received his bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a master's degree in public policy from Harvard University.

Nils Tcheyan

Director, Africa Energy Policy, GE Energy

Nils Tcheyan joined GE Energy as Director, Africa Energy Policy in August, 2010. He has lived and worked extensively in Africa throughout his career. At the World Bank from 1980-2009 he was responsible for a number of programs, including opening the World Bank office in Mozambique (1989-93) to coordinate an extensive program of economic rehabilitation; leading teams working in fragile and transition states as Country Director, Central and West Africa from 1996-98; and leading efforts to improve operational quality and expanded lending as Director, Operations and Strategy for Sub-Saharan Africa and from 2003-2007. From 2007-2009 Nils led a cross-regional World Bank team in East Asia and Africa to analyze develop joint China-Africa-World Bank programs. From 2009-10 he was associated with the Africa Center for Economic Transformation (ACET) and provided policy advisory services focused on China and Africa. Nils has a B.A. from Trinity College, Hartford, CT, and an M.A. degree in International Economics and Latin American Studies, Johns Hopkins (SAIS) in 1980. From 1998-2000 Nils worked with the Aga Khan Fund for Economic Development (AKFED) to develop their strategy for investment in microfinance and small enterprise development programs in Africa and South Asia.

Moderators

Jennifer Cooke

Director, Africa Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Jennifer Cooke is director of the CSIS Africa Program, which she joined in 2000. She works on a range of U.S.-Africa policy issues, including security, health, conflict, and democratization. She has written numerous reports, articles, and commentary for a range of U.S. and international publications. With J. Stephen Morrison, she is coeditor of *U.S. Africa Policy beyond the Bush Administration: Critical Challenges for the Obama Administration* (CSIS, 2009), as well as a previous volume *Africa Policy in the Clinton Years: Critical Choices for the Bush Administration* (CSIS, 2001). Previously, she worked for the House Foreign Affairs Subcommittee on Africa, as well as for the National Academy of Sciences with its Office of News and Public Information and its Committee on Human Rights. Cooke has lived in Côte d'Ivoire and the Central African Republic and speaks French. She earned an M.A. in African studies and international economics from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies and a B.A. in government from Harvard University.

Meredith Broadbent

Senior Adviser and William M. Scholl Chair in International Business,
Center for Strategic and International Studies

Meredith Broadbent is a senior adviser and holds the William M. Scholl Chair in International Business at CSIS. From 2003 to 2008, she served as assistant U.S. trade representative for industry, market access, and telecommunications. In that position, she was responsible for developing U.S. policy affecting trade in industrial goods, telecommunications, and e-commerce. She led the U.S. negotiating team for the Doha Round negotiations to reduce tariff and nontariff barriers on industrial goods and successfully concluded an innovative plurilateral trade agreement with the European Union, Japan, Korea, and Taiwan. An expert in trade and development issues, she led an administration initiative to reform a \$32-billion trade benefits program for developing countries. Much of her knowledge of U.S. trade relations was gained while serving as a senior professional staff member for the House Ways and Means Committee. In that position, she drafted and managed major portions of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, legislation to authorize normal trade relations with China, and the Trade Act of 2002, which includes trade promotion authority and the Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act. Earlier in her career, Ms. Broadbent served as professional staff for the House Ways and Means Trade Subcommittee, where she was instrumental in the development and House passage of the implementing bills for the NAFTA and Uruguay Round Agreements. Appointed to the Scholl Chair in October 2010, Ms. Broadbent came to CSIS from the Global Business Dialogue, a multinational business association focusing on international trade and investment issues.

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