

# **Ambassador Lewis Lucke**

## **Director, Senior advisor, Government Relations**

Ambassador Lewis Lucke served as a senior US diplomat for over 30 years overseas covering seven US administrations in scores of countries in the Middle East, Africa and Latin America. He led major assignments critical to US foreign policy success covering infrastructure reconstruction, disaster response, economic development, epidemic response and other key areas, all in leadership positions.

Mr. Lucke is a founding partner of Waste to Energy Global Partners LLC, a firm acting as developers of projects converting various forms of waste—biomass, municipal solid waste, etc.—into electricity. He previously founded and led his own consulting firm brokering US investment into the Middle East, Latin America and Africa.



Ambassador Lucke served as US Ambassador to the Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland) during the Administration of George W. Bush. He directed the US efforts to combat the HIV/AIDS pandemic in that country.

A Middle East specialist, Ambassador Lucke served for 29 years overseas working on economic development including the first ever civilian head of Iraq reconstruction where he directed a \$4.0 billion infrastructure reconstruction and economic development program, the largest such US program since the Marshall Plan.

He also led the US economic response after the passing of King Hussein in Jordan and subsequently worked regionally in the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Tunisia.

In 2010, he served as lead “US Response Coordinator” for the Haiti earthquake, leading the United States’ \$1.0 billion emergency relief and recovery effort. He is still actively involved in a private capacity on humanitarian assistance programs in both Latin America and West Africa.

Mr. Lucke served in the U.S. Foreign Service in ten countries: Mali, Senegal, Costa Rica, Tunisia, Bolivia, Jordan, Haiti, Brazil, Iraq and Swaziland. He has since deployed for shorter assignments in Brazil, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Mauritania, Djibouti and E. Timor.

Ambassador Lucke has received two of the Foreign Service’s highest awards, the Administrator’s Distinguished Career Award and the Agency’s award for Heroism. He was named a Distinguished Alumnus from the Thunderbird School of Global Management. He also received the Secretary of Defense’s Award for Exceptional Public Service, DOD’s highest civilian award.

Ambassador Lucke is from Texas, married with three grown children. He received a Bachelor’s degree from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and an MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona. He and his spouse currently live in Costa Rica.

Mr. Lucke is fluent in French and Spanish and has a working knowledge of Arabic.

He is the author of two books: “Waiting for Rain: Life and Development in Mali, West Africa” and “From Timbuktu to Duck and Cover: Improbable Tales of a Career in Foreign Service (Open Books).