

William C. Eacho



Bill Eacho is Chairman of the board of IFES, the International Foundation for Electoral Systems, the world's leading NGO focused on creating and strengthening resilient democracies. He is CEO of the Partnership for Responsible Growth, which leads an effort in Washington, DC to advocate for pricing carbon emissions to address the climate crisis. In addition, he chairs the board of Friends of Acadia, and serves as Co-Chair of the Climate Solutions Fund.

He served from 2009-2013 as the U.S. Ambassador to Austria. He also served from 2013 to 2016 on the Senior Advisory Group to the Director of National Intelligence. He is married to Donna W. Eacho, who served with him in Vienna, and they have three adult sons. From 2015-2020 he was a Visiting Professor of the Practice in the Sanford School of Public Policy at Duke University.

As Ambassador to Austria, Ambassador Eacho oversaw the multi-agency U.S. government presence. He was very involved in the State Department's energy diplomacy efforts in support of a Southern Corridor to enhance European energy security. He also instigated the ultimately successful DOJ investigation and prosecution of one of the largest thefts of American intellectual property in US history by a Chinese wind turbine manufacturer.

Mr. Eacho received a Master's in Business Administration with Distinction from Harvard Business School in 1979. His business career has included two decades in foodservice distribution and two decades plus as an investor in and developer of multifamily real estate and an investor in private equity.

Ambassador Eacho is a Trustee of the Diplomacy Center Foundation, a Senior Fellow of the Salzburg Global Seminar, and serves on the board of the American Austrian Foundation since 2014.