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Jack Leslie is Chairman of Weber Shandwick, one of the world's leading global communications and engagement firms with offices in 78 cities across 34 countries, and a network extending to 1 countries around the world.

In 2009, Mr. Leslie was appointed by President Obama to serve as Chairman of the U.S. African Development Foundation (USADF), an independent Federal agency operating programs in 20 sub-Saharan countries. USADF impacts 1,500,000 Africans in underserved communities through a grants program supporting African-originated solutions to generating jobs, increasing incomes and raising standards of living.

Under Mr. Leslie's leadership, USADF has expanded its operations into more conflict and post-conflict areas including Zimbabwe, northern Kenya and Somalia. This work includes conceptualizing the five-year, \$10 million Turkana Food Security Initiative, which focused on three sectors in the state of Turkana that had very limited economic activity prior to USADF beginning its program in 2011. USADF has also initiated a youth job placement program in Somali, Puntland, and Somaliland, propelling more than 4,000 Somali youth into full-time employment and small-business entrepreneurship.

Mr. Leslie is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, Chairman of the USAID Advisory Committee on Voluntary Foreign Aid, Chairman of Duke Global Health Institute's Board of Advisors and Chairman of the Ron Brown Scholar Program. He is also a board member for the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and former Chairman of the Board of USA for UNHCR.

Mr. Leslie began his career as an aide to Senator Edward Kennedy. He joined Sawyer Miller Group, a prominent political consulting firm, in 1983 and became president of the company in 1985. During the 1980's and 1990's, Leslie provided political counsel to dozens of presidential and statewide campaigns in the U.S, Latin America, Asia and Africa. He is a graduate of the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service.