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Biography



Luke J. Lindberg
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Luke J. Lindberg is the Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP).

Mr. Lindberg brings extensive experience in international leadership, institutional reform, agricultural diplomacy and global food assistance. He has led global teams operating across 90 countries and overseen multibillion-dollar portfolios spanning humanitarian assistance, development, international trade and strategic partnerships. His work has focused on strengthening organizational performance, improving governance and accountability, and mobilizing resources to deliver results in complex, high-pressure environments.

Prior to joining WFP, Mr. Lindberg served as Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs at the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), where he led U.S. agricultural diplomacy and international engagement on food assistance, development policy, trade and export promotion, and multilateral cooperation.

Previously, Mr. Lindberg founded and served as President and Chief Executive Officer of South Dakota Trade, a public-private partnership dedicated to expanding international markets for the state's exporters. He also served as Chief of Staff and Chief Strategy Officer at the Export-Import Bank of the United States.

Earlier in his career, Mr. Lindberg held leadership roles in global health at Sanford Health and Sanford World Clinic, serving as Director of External Affairs and Director of Global Operations, respectively. In these roles, he supported international partnerships and led health operations across seven countries.

A U.S. citizen, Mr. Lindberg holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Master of Public Policy and a Master of Business Administration from the University of Maryland.

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