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Richard Kiy was appointed as President & CEO of the Institute of the Americas on August 3, 2020. Kiy was formerly General Partner with Alumbra Advisors, a consulting firm with clients in the U.S, Mexico and Central America. Prior to that, Kiy served for nearly 14 years as President & CEO of the [International Community Foundation \(ICF\)](#) where he expanded the foundation's grantmaking throughout Mexico and 11 other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. While at ICF, Kiy served as Chairman and a founding board member of the [US-Mexico Border Philanthropy Partnership](#).

Previous to his work at ICF, Kiy spent two years with [PriceSmart, Inc.](#) as Senior Vice President, Business Development expanding its business reach into 6 countries of Central America and the Caribbean. Earlier on, he was Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Technical Director at the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Environment, Health & Safety (EH&S) in Washington, D.C. as well as the Acting Environmental Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in Mexico City.

Kiy's other private sector experience includes having served as Vice President for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC)'s Mexican subsidiary, expanding the company's environmental technology solutions and services business in Mexico following NAFTA's passage. Later, he helped SAIC secure a multi-year \$1.2 billion contract leading to a joint venture company with Petroleos de Venezuela (PDVSA) where he was Director of Environment, Health and Safety (EH&S) Information Systems. Kiy is a graduate of Stanford (A.B. Economics, 1984) and Harvard's JFK School of Government (MPA, 1986). Kiy is co-author of the book [Environmental Management along North America's Borders](#). He serves on the Binational Advisory Board of the [San Diego Natural History Museum](#).