

# Devex - Bill Steiger on how AID will change

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**Bill Steiger** — a former USAID chief of staff, and one of those [likely to be influential](#) in the incoming Trump administration's efficiency push — has laid out the ways he expects Trump 2.0 to change the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Speaking at a virtual event Wednesday hosted by FreeWill, a social enterprise company that focuses on estate planning, Steiger emphasized that he was speaking personally, and not as part of the incoming administration. But after serving under former Trump-appointed USAID administrator Mark Green, **his insights track with many of those we're hearing on Capitol Hill**, Devex's Elissa Miolene reports.

1. “The big picture is that success will mean the U.S. foreign assistance enterprise is smaller a decade ago than it is today,” said Steiger.
2. **Localization will “accelerate”** — building on both work of the current USAID administration, and that of the Journey to Self-Reliance under the last one.
3. Steiger said he expects a stronger **pivot to the private sector**, including an elevated programmatic focus on economic growth, job creation, and investments focused on infrastructure.
4. Other thematic areas — like climate change and reproductive health — will likely take a back seat, while **faith-based organizations could see a substantial bump**.
5. Steiger focused on efficiency, and said there will likely be an “enormous push” on how both USAID and its partners use **artificial intelligence**. In particular, Steiger hoped the agency would use such technologies to improve its procurement and proposal processes, and expected USAID to assess “time-inefficient” processes.

“There are very few agencies in the federal government that are more ripe to have their basic business disrupted by technology than USAID,” Steiger said.

Buckle up.