

Commission on the Future of Foreign Assistance. Devex, 15 July 2026

Commission critical

Former World Food Programme chief **David Beasley** is just one heavy hitter who has thrown his weight behind a new group rethinking foreign aid, Elissa tells me.

The **Commission on the Future of Foreign Assistance** is backed by The Rockefeller Foundation and co-chaired by Beasley and former **Sen. Ben Cardin**, a Democrat from Maryland. Its 10 members will release a **“forward-looking blueprint” for the future of U.S. foreign assistance in 2027**, drawing insights from the Brookings Institution and the American Enterprise Institute.

“We have an opportunity to build a better system — and we must take it,” Beasley wrote in the press release.

The commission’s other eight members include former Republican Senators **Roy Blunt**, **Kay Bailey Hutchison**, and **Ted Yoho**; former Democratic Senators **Tom Daschle** and **Heidi Heitkamp**; **Henrietta Fore**, the former head of both USAID and UNICEF; **Daniel Glickman**, the former U.S. secretary of agriculture; and **Alice Albright**, the former CEO of the Millennium Challenge Corporation.

“To ensure that U.S. foreign assistance is a predictable and reliable tool to make us safer, stronger, and more prosperous, we need to restore a bipartisan approach that can be explained to the American people in a persuasive way,” Cardin wrote in the press release.”

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