



**BIOGRAPHY OF SUSAN R. JOHNSON, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN FOREIGN  
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Susan Rockwell Johnson is a member of the Senior Foreign Service (SFS) who has served in a broad range of bilateral and multilateral assignments in and out of the Department of State. She was elected to the presidency of AFSA in 2009 and re-elected for a second two year term in 2011. Prior to her election as President of the American Foreign Service Association, she served in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor as Senior Coordinator for Democracy Promotion, in Bosnia as Deputy High Representative and Supervisor of Brcko District, in Baghdad as the Coalition Provisional Authority senior advisor to the Iraqi Foreign Ministry, in Romania and Mauritius as DCM and Charge, as the first Director of the Ambassador's Assistance Unit and of a G7 assistance coordination project in Moscow, Russia.

Her earlier postings include Cuba, U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York, NEA Special Assistant in the Office of the Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Pearson Fellow in the US Senate, senior program officer for the Islamic world at the National Endowment for Democracy, and as acting Refugee Counselor in Islamabad, Pakistan. She also served as the International Executive Service Corps Country Director in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan while on leave without pay to join her spouse.

Prior to entering the Foreign Service she worked in the private sector in the areas of strategic planning, international marketing and joint venture negotiation. She is the recipient of several Superior and Meritorious Honor Awards, was the 2001 DCM of the Year and is alumnus of the Senior Seminar. She supports animal welfare organizations and activities wherever possible.