



**Ambassador Lewis Lucke
Ambassador to Swaziland;
USAID Director: Iraq, Bolivia, Jordan and Haiti**

Ambassador Lucke recently returned to his international consulting business, Lewis Lucke, LLC, brokering US investment into developing countries in the Middle East, Africa and Latin America.

Previously, Ambassador Lucke served as US Ambassador to the Kingdom of Swaziland from July 2004 through July 2006. He served for 27 years with the U.S. Agency for International Development. His prior position was that of first USAID Mission Director for Iraq, where he managed a \$4.0 billion reconstruction and economic development program, USAID's largest program ever and the largest reconstruction effort funded by the United States since the Marshall Plan.

Ambassador Lucke received a Bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and an MBA from Thunderbird School of Global Management in Arizona. He served in the U.S. Foreign Service since 1978 in ten countries: Mali, Senegal, Costa Rica, Tunisia, Bolivia, Jordan, Haiti, Brazil, Iraq and Swaziland. He had been USAID Mission Director in his last five posts of Bolivia, Jordan, Brazil, Haiti, and Iraq.

Ambassador Lucke has received USAID's two highest awards, the Administrator's Distinguished Career Award in 2001, and the Agency's award for Heroism in 2004. He was named a Distinguished Alumnus of 2003 from the Thunderbird School of Global Management. He received the Secretary of Defense's Award for Exceptional Public Service in 2004.

Ambassador Lucke is fluent in French and Spanish and has a working knowledge of Arabic. He is the author of "Waiting for Rain: Life and Development in Mali, West Africa" published in 1999.