New Zealand Embassy Washington, United States of America Ambassador Rt Hon Mike Moore

Rt Hon Mike Moore is a past Director-General of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) where he oversaw the launch of the Doha Development Round.

His period in office saw the successful accession to the WTO of China and Chinese Taipei along with Estonia, Jordan, Georgia, Albania, Oman, Croatia, Lithuania, and Moldova.

The Ambassador is a former Labour Prime Minister of New Zealand. He has held portfolios in a wide range of areas and served in a number of senior political positions including Trade Minister, Foreign Minister, Minister of Tourism, Minister for the America's Cup and Deputy Minister of Finance.

Mr Moore worked as a meat and construction worker, and a printer where he became an active Trade Unionist. He became a social worker in a hospital for the criminally insane – an experience he claims "prepared him well for a life in politics".

Mr Moore held numerous appointments and board memberships with global policy and commercial organisations. These included Membership of the United Nations Commission on the Legal Empowerment of the Poor; Commissioner for the UN Global Commission on International Migration; and a number of private secotr boards.

He served on the Economic Development Board of South Australia, and was an advisor to other Governments. Ambassador Moore is also a Trilateral Commission member and a member of the Privy Council.

Mr Moore was an Adjunct Professor at Adelaide University, Australia, and La Trobe University, Australia, is Honorary Professor at Beijing Normal University in Zhuhai, Honorary Professor at the Chinese University for Political Science and International Law in Beijing, and Honorary Professor, Shanghai Customs College.

He is the recipient of numerous honours from governments in Africa, Europe and South America. The Ambassador has been awarded New Zealand's highest honour, the Order of New Zealand.

Mr Moore also holds honorary doctorates in commerce from Lincoln University, New Zealand; in economics from the People's University of China, Beijing; in commerce from Auckland University of Technology and Canterbury University, and law from La Trobe University in Australia.

He is the author of ten books including: A Pacific Parliament; Hard Labour, Fighting For New Zealand; Children of the Poor; A Brief History of the Future and A World Without Walls.

Mr Moore's latest book, "Saving Globalisation", was published by Wiley's in 2009.

Mr Moore is the founder of a New Zealand Charity "School Aid" which creates investment funds which are managed by High School students, the profits of which will go to schools in developing countries.