

KATHY SPAHN PRESIDENT & CEO



Home Base: Global Headquarters, New York, NY, United States

Upcoming Events

- Meeting, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness, March 2015
- Featured Speaker, Women Advancing Microfinance-NY, February 2015

Recent Events

- Panelist, InterAction CEO Retreat, December 2014
- Panelist, Launch of the Global Nutrition Report, December 2014
- Participant, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness Board and Annual Meetings, September 2014
- Participant, Clinton Global Initiative Annual Meeting, New York, NY, September 2014
- Panelist, Maternal, Newborn & Child Health Summit, Toronto, Canada, September 2014
- Panelist, "How Can Agriculture and Nutrition Work Better Together?," World Food Program, GAIN Partnership Council Meeting, Rome, Italy, June 2014
- Participant, Micronutrient Forum, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, June 2014
- Henry H. Kravis Prize in Leadership Award Ceremony, Claremont McKenna College, April 2014
- Participant, Steering Committee Meeting, 1,000 Days, Washington, DC, December 2013
- Participant, InterAction CEO Retreat, Washington, DC, December 2013
- Participant, GAIN Partnership Council Meeting, Washington, DC, December 2013
- Panelist and Participant, IFPRI 2020 Strategic Advisory Council Meeting, Washington, DC, October 2013

Leadership Positions

- Member, Executive Committee of the Board of Directors, InterAction
- Member, Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness
- Founding Board Member, Association of Nutrition Services Agencies (ANSA)

Kathy's Bio

Kathy Spahn, President and Chief Executive Officer of Helen Keller International, is responsible for all operations, programs, finances, communications and public policy initiatives of HKI. Ms. Spahn works closely with the Board of Trustees, global leaders in public health, staff members throughout HKI, partner organizations, and HKI supporters in carrying out her responsibilities. Prior to joining HKI, Ms. Spahn was President and Executive Director of Orbis, a global non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention and treatment of blindness in the developing world. At the time, the organization had four affiliate offices and five country programs, and a medical volunteer corps of 370. Prior to her work with Orbis, she was Executive Director of God's Love We Deliver, a New York-based AIDS service organization dedicated to combating malnutrition and hunger among people living with HIV/AIDS. Ms. Spahn serves on the Boards of Directors of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and The Bernadotte Foundation for Children's Eyecare, and has also served as a Board member and Chair of InterAction and a member of GAIN's Partnership Council. She is a Founding Board member of both the North America chapter of IAPB and the Association of Nutrition Services Agencies (ANSA), and a founding partner of the Global Network for Neglected Tropical Disease Control. She also serves on the 2020 and Strategic Advisory Council of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) and IFPRI's Leadership Council Compact of 2025. She joined HKI in March 2005 and is located at headquarters in New York City.