

AMBASSADOR JAMES MICHEL

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Counselor, Agency for International Development (AID) 1999-2000

Private Practice; Consultant, International Development 2000-