



## Ann Veneman

The Fifth Executive Director of UNICEF (2005 - 2010)



### CSA CELEBRITY SPEAKERS

Ann Veneman recently completed a five-year term as executive director of the United Nations Children's Fund, travelling to more than 60 countries to review the plight of children and UNICEF's work to assist them. In a personal capacity, she serves on the Board of the Close Up Foundation and has previously served on a number of advisory councils and committees. She was the first woman to become the U.S. secretary of Agriculture

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#### In detail

A lawyer by training, Veneman has practiced law in Washington, DC and California, having received her Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from UC Davis; her Masters in Public Policy from UC Berkeley's Goldman School of Public Policy; and her Juris Doctorate from UC Hastings College of Law.. Prior to joining UNICEF, Ann Veneman served as Secretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), overseeing 110,000 employees and an annual budget of \$113 billion. In 2003 she hosted the first-ever Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology, bringing together leaders from 120 nations. She held various other positions at USDA, including Deputy Secretary, Deputy Undersecretary for International Affairs and Commodity Programs and Associate Administer of the Foreign Agricultural Service. She also served as Secretary of the California Department of Food and Agriculture.

#### What she offers you

With first-hand knowledge of how children's lives are saved and having stressed a culture of continuous improvement to help achieve lasting results for children, Ann Veneman offers insights into her leadership and vision that has been recognized both nationally and internationally. A champion of UN coherence and a strong voice for children as well as Millennium Development Goal implementation, her legacy at UNICEF is an organization that is financially and intellectually strong and well-equipped to meet the challenges children face in the twenty-first century. She has helped children around the world by advocating for and protecting their rights.

#### How she presents

Ann Veneman is a distinguished orator who impresses with her extraordinary energy and immense dedication. She has become a catalyst for global action to help children reach their full potential.

#### Languages

He/She presents in English.

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