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Dr. Balentine holds the position of Senior Science Advisor Global Nutrition Policy at the United States Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition (CFSAN) (2019- current). In this role, Dr. Balentine supports the critical work of the Codex Alimentarius as the U.S. Delegate to both the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Use (CCNFSDU) and the Codex Committee on Food Labeling (CCFL). In addition, Dr. Balentine leads international activities and multilateral issues related to FDA's nutrition and food labelling programs. This includes authoritative scientific and policy advice and guidance, and recommendations on international nutrition activities and programs, considering input from U.S. stakeholders while advancing FDA's science-based public health mission. Formerly, Dr. Balentine served as the Director of the Office of Nutrition and Food Labeling at CFSAN from 2015-2019 and in that role, he provided leadership and scientific direction to a multidisciplinary staff that managed the regulatory programs relating to food labeling, nutrition, infant formula, and medical foods. Prior to joining FDA, he served as the Director of Nutrition and Health for Unilever North America and was a member of Unilever's Global Nutrition Leadership Team. He has worked closely with many organizations and served on a number of committees with goals of improving public health. Dr. Balentine holds 10 U.S. patents and has over 40 publications in scientific literature. Dr. Balentine has a Ph.D. in food science and nutrition from Rutgers University.