

Biography

James C. Ingram

Executive Director

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James C. Ingram, Executive Director for two terms of office from April 1982 to his retirement in April 1992.

Ingram, an Australian citizen born in 1928, studied economics and political science at Melbourne University before starting a career in the Australian foreign service.

He served in the Australian representations to the European Economic Community (EEC), Indonesia and the United Nations before being appointed as Assistant Secretary of the ministry's Asian and Pacific Department. Appointed ambassador to the Philippines (1970-73), high commissioner to Canada and several Caribbean states (1973-74) and director-general of the Australian Development Assistance Bureau (1975-82), during which he served as Australia's alternate governor of the World Bank, Asian Development Bank and the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), and Australian representative at the high-level meetings of the Development Assistance Committee of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), a member of the Australian National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), and a member of the North-South Round Table and of the Tidewater Group.

Ingram was the first Australian to head a United Nations body and, at the time of his appointment as WFP Executive Director, received Australia's highest civil honour for his services to his country. He received the Alan Shawn Feinstein World Hunger Award for his work as WFP Executive Director and served on the governing body of the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). On his retirement, he became director of the Australian Institute for International Affairs and has written on arrangements for the provision of international humanitarian assistance.

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