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Ambassador Frazer served as the U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs from August 2005 to January 2009 and as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for African Affairs at the National Security Council from January 2001 until her swearing-in as the first woman U.S. Ambassador to South Africa in June 2004. Frazer was instrumental in establishing the Bush Administration's signature initiatives, including the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR) and the Millennium Challenge Account. She is widely credited for designing the administration's policies for ending the wars in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Burundi, and for helping resolve Kenya's 2007 post-election crisis. In recognition of her contributions, Condoleezza Rice presented Frazer with the Distinguished Service Award, the highest award bestowed by the Secretary of State. In July 2010, Liberian President Ellen Johnson-Sirleaf awarded Frazer with the distinction of Dame Grand Commander in the Humane Order of African Redemption in recognition of her contribution to restoring peace and democracy to Liberia.

Dr. Frazer received her B.A. degree in Political Science (honors) and African and Afro-American Studies (distinction) in 1985, and M.A. degrees in International Policy Studies in 1985 and International Development Education in 1989, and a Ph.D. in Political Science, 1994 all from Stanford University.