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Ambassador Karen Kornbluh served as U.S. ambassador in Paris to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, the global economic standard-setting organization. Karen ensured budget and activities reflected the president's strategic economic and development priorities working closely with U.S. cabinet secretaries and White House officials. As the representative of the largest donor, she served on the OECD governing board and audit committee overseeing the OECD's 2,000 in staff and \$400 million budget.

Karen spearheaded development of the first global Internet Policymaking Principles. She worked with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton to launch the OECD's Gender Initiative and the Middle East-North Africa Women's Business Forum. In addition, Karen led efforts to expand the OECD's reach to emerging economies, refocused the organization on developing countries, and expanded anti-corruption and governance efforts. Her work was featured in a *New York Times* profile and a *Washington Post* op-ed on "The Foreign Policy of the Internet."

Previously, Karen served as policy director for President Obama when he was in the Senate. She served in the Clinton administration as deputy chief of staff at the U.S. Treasury Department, and as director of the Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs at the Federal Communications Commission.

Prior to her government service, Karen was a management consultant at Telesis and Townsend-Greenspan & Co. Karen has written extensively on economic, technology, and family policy in publications including the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Atlantic Monthly*, and the *Harvard Journal of Law and Technology*. She founded the New America Foundation's Work and Family Program and is Senior Fellow for Digital Policy at the Council on Foreign Relations.