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I am currently leading a team on Internet Governance with the International Directorate in the Department of Science, Technology, and Innovation. Prior to 2020 I was working for ICANN in Brussels and Geneva, from 2012, as the Vice President for Stakeholder Engagement in Europe. I joined ICANN from the UK government; where I had served in a number of capacities for just fewer than 30 years. I served in the DTI, Cabinet office, HM Treasury and DCMS and was seconded to Bermuda (4 years) and the CBI. Latterly, in DCMS, I had been responsible for a team dealing with international ICT issues; including Internet Governance.

I am passionate about the economic, social and political benefits of the Internet and the importance of multi-stakeholder approaches to its governance. In my personal life, I am a keen runner, walker, and cyclist.