



The Cleveland Council on World Affairs announces new CEO Carina Van Vliet



November 19, 2018. Carina Van Vliet has been named the Cleveland Council on World Affairs' new Chief Executive Officer. She will assume her position on January 2, 2019.

Carina has most recently been a Regional Manager for Business Development and Communications at Jones Day. After moving to Cleveland in 2014, she served as a Senior Advisor to the 2015 Nobel Peace Prize Forum. Carina served as a Political Affairs Officer at the United Nations from 2006 to 2014, covering Latin American and Middle East issues, disarmament affairs, and women, peace and security issues. Prior to joining the U.N., she was the Director for Policy and Leadership Programs at the French-American Foundation in New York. She also co-authored an economic history textbook and taught international economics in the People's Republic of China.

"We are very pleased to announce Carina Van Vliet as the new CEO, and are excited about the energy, experience and vision she brings to CCWA. We look forward to her engagement with CCWA staff and Board, our members, and the broader community." says Wael Khoury, M.D., Chairman of the CCWA Board of Directors.

Carina brings international background and experience to CCWA. She was born and raised in Cannes, France, by American parents. She has a B.A. in Political Science from Bowdoin College, a master's degree (*diplôme*) in International Relations from the *Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po)*, and an M.A from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at Johns Hopkins University. She was a Term Member with the Council on Foreign Relations from 2011 to 2016.

"I deeply believe in the mission of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs (CCWA) to help educate global citizens. Indeed, the path forward for Cleveland – for any urban and economic center – is an increasingly international one, and yet the world is growing seemingly more complex. It is therefore incredibly important for Clevelanders to have this wonderful resource called CCWA to nurture their international curiosity and understanding of the world. I am honored that the board of directors has decided to entrust me with leading this vital effort for our city," says Carina.

Carina has been an active member of CCWA for three years and has experience with the programs she will now spearhead in her new role as the CEO. *"I have been a member of CCWA since 2015, and have been greatly impressed with the quality of speakers and conversations that are held. I have personally witnessed the value and impact of international exchanges throughout my career, and I also believe in the power of programs such as Model U.N. to help inspire future generations and prepare them to take on global challenges. I am very excited to be working with the talented and dedicated CCWA team to help advance these important programs."*

Carina will be filling a position that has been open since June 2018 when CCWA's previous CEO, Maura O'Donnell-McCarthy, passed away unexpectedly.

The mission of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs is to inspire engagement in international affairs and world cultures through education, citizen diplomacy, and public dialogue to create a region of globally-minded citizens. Developing global competence and awareness of other cultures, global issues, and international relations is more important than ever as Ohio residents are increasingly connected to the rest of the world and impacted by global issues. CCWA programs include the Speaker Forums, student programs including Model United Nations and Academic WorldQuest, International Visitor Programs, and the new Center for Global Understanding with programs for educators and companies to strengthen their global competencies. For more information, visit www.ccwa.org.

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