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### Focus On: ASIRT Board Member Kimberly Harrington



**Kimberly Harrington** is a career Foreign Service Officer with 18 years of diplomatic experience in the Middle East, Latin America and Africa. Currently, she is pursuing a master's degree in national security studies at National Defense University in Washington, DC. From 2018 to 2020, she served as Political and Economic Counselor at the U.S. Embassy in Kampala, including five months as acting Deputy Chief of Mission during the COVID-19 pandemic. She was the deputy Economic Counselor in Embassy Bogota from 2014-2018 during the signing and implementation of the historic peace accords that ended 50 years of civil war. Before that, she served as the political-military affairs officer in Jerusalem and worked as a political advisor to the United States Security Coordinator for Israel and the Palestinian Authority.

Kim has also served in overseas assignments in Manila, Cairo and Tripoli. In assignments at the State Department, she worked as a staff assistant in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs and the Office of Innovative Engagement, teaching State Department officials how to more effectively use social media tools. During a detail at the Pentagon, Kim worked as a Middle East advisor in the Joint Staff's office of Strategic Plans and Policy (J-5) during the Arab Spring.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service, Kim received a Fulbright scholarship to Amman, Jordan where she studied the impact of microfinance loans on Palestinian refugees. She was also an assistant producer for the Sunday morning political talk show *The McLaughlin Group*.

Kim received a B.S. in International Politics from Georgetown University's Walsh School of Foreign Service and studied abroad at the American University in Cairo. During and after university, she worked as a researcher for several Washington, DC-based think tanks specializing in Middle East affairs.