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Profile

Katherine DeLand is Special Advisor in the Office of the Executive Director, Outbreaks and Health Emergencies and in the Office of the Director-General at WHO, focusing on the establishment of the new WHO Health Emergencies Programme. Between October 2014 and September 2015, Ms DeLand was the Chief of Staff of WHO's Ebola Response, during which time she worked in the Office of the WHO Special Representative of the Director-General for the Ebola Response, collaborating closely with the governments of Guinea, Liberia, Mali and Sierra Leone, the WHO offices in those nations, as well as the United Nations Mission on Emergency Ebola Response and numerous other agencies to help eliminate Ebola in West Africa. Prior to holding this position, Katherine worked in a number of different divisions within WHO, including as senior advisor to the Head of the Convention Secretariat, WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. In 2011, she founded DeLand Associates to fill a growing niche for independent, flexible, highly trained and responsive consulting, advising and project management in international law, health and public policy. Professionally, her focus has been on multilateral negotiations, large-scale public health project management and donor relationships, whole-of-government approaches to trade and health, and sustainable health and development policy design and implementation. She has worked across five continents for organisations as diverse as the L'Etval Foundation, the World Bank, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the University of Sydney.

A member of the California bar, Ms DeLand received a B.A. from Reed College and an M.P.H. and J.D. from UCLA. Ms DeLand recently became a Senior Fellow, Global Health Programme at the Graduate Institute of international and Development Studies in Geneva, Switzerland.