



## **Karen Florini joins Climate Central as Vice President for Programs**

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PRINCETON, N.J. -- Karen Florini, former Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change at the U.S. State Department, joined Climate Central as Vice President for Programs, the organization announced Monday. Florini comes to Climate Central following her two-year stint working for the Obama administration, which included leading the Global Climate Change Initiative, and she has spent more than three decades working on climate and environmental issues.

At Climate Central, Florini will develop and implement communications strategies that reach and move large U.S. and global audiences as well as key decision-makers. She will lead the integration of Climate Central's program efforts and oversee the creation and distribution of our products to the public and thought leaders. Florini will also continue as a Visiting Fellow at the Oxford Martin School at the University of Oxford.

"We could not be more thrilled that Karen has decided to bring her wealth of experience to Climate Central," said Paul Hanle, President and CEO of Climate Central. "She has a deep background in the climate community and is dedicated to Climate Central's mission of bringing sound science and thorough research to the discussion of one of the world's most urgent issues."

[Climate Central](#), founded in 2008 and based in Princeton, N.J., is an independent, nonprofit, non-advocacy science and journalism organization that produces research and reporting about climate change and its impacts. The organization's work includes programs on [sea level rise](#), [World Weather Attribution](#), [weather and climate](#), [TV meteorologists](#), [Southern Oceans](#) and [States at Risk](#).

As the Deputy Special Envoy for Climate Change at the State Department, Florini helped lead the Global Climate Change Initiative, the Obama Administration's whole-of-government mechanism for integrating climate change considerations into foreign assistance. She also led the State Department's engagement with businesses, state and local governments, and civil society about international climate negotiations. In addition, she headed the State Department's portfolio on short-lived climate pollutants, which included overseeing U.S. participation in the multilateral Climate and Clean Air Coalition, serving as co-chair of the Coalition's Oil/Gas

Methane Partnership and chairing the Arctic Council's Expert Group on Black Carbon and Methane.

Florini previously spent more than 25 years at the Environmental Defense Fund, a prominent U.S.-based non-governmental organization, where among other responsibilities she served as Managing Director for International Climate and led the Environmental Health Program. Her 30-plus years of service on non-profit boards included 18 years as a Trustee of Oberlin College. She earned a bachelor's degree with majors in biology and environmental policy at Oberlin, and a J.D. at Harvard Law School, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Harvard Environmental Law Review*.

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