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As Director of the Alliance to End Slavery & Trafficking (ATEST), Melysa coordinates the coalition's efforts to advocate for solutions to prevent and end all forms of human trafficking and modern slavery in the United States and overseas.

Prior to joining ATEST, Melysa was Director of Human Rights at Vital Voices Global Partnership, where she implemented programs in more than 20 countries to combat violence against women, including human trafficking, domestic violence, and sexual violence. Melysa also previously served as a Staff Attorney at the Tahirih Justice Center, a non-profit legal services agency that provides services to women fleeing gender-based persecution. Melysa handled a caseload of more than 80 immigration matters involving domestic violence survivors, human trafficking victims, asylum seekers, and victims of violent crime.

Melysa earned two Equal Justice Fellowships during law school for her work with the UNHCHR and with Public Citizen Litigation Group. She also served as a law clerk for the African Commission for Human and People's Rights and worked under Dr. Francis M. Deng at the Brookings-Bern Project on Internal Displacement. Melysa has served as an adjunct professor at George Washington University Law School teaching Refugee & Asylum Law and Public Interest Lawyering.

Melysa holds a juris doctor degree from Georgetown University Law Center, a master of public policy from Georgetown Public Policy Institute, and a bachelor's degree from the Georgetown University Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service.