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### **Whitney Baird Biography**

Whitney Baird assumed duties as Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for West Africa and Security Affairs in September 2018. Previously she served as Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Western Europe and European Union and Regional Affairs in the European Bureau. She was Minister Counselor for Economic Affairs at the U.S. Embassy in London from 2014-2017. Prior to London Whitney Baird served in the Economic Bureau of the Department of State as Special Advisor for Trade Negotiations, Director for Multilateral Trade Affairs, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Trade, and Acting Special Representative for Commercial and Business Affairs. In addition to a number of positions in D.C., Ms. Baird has also served overseas in Madrid, Spain; Dakar, Senegal; Lomé, Togo; Toronto, Canada; and Yaoundé, Cameroon.

Ms. Baird graduated from the University of North Carolina with a degree in Political Science. She earned a Masters in International Security Studies from the National War College.