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Sarah Troutman serves as a Deputy Assistant Secretary of State in the Bureau of African Affairs, coordinating the Administration's policy priorities in the central African countries of Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, the Republic of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, and Rwanda. She also drives initiatives to expand U.S. exports to sub-Saharan Africa and creates opportunities for U.S. companies and investors by leading efforts in the commercial and economic affairs portfolio across the region.

She comes directly from serving as a Senior Advisor in the Bureau of African Affairs. Previously, she was the Director of Government Relations at The ONE Campaign where she advanced self-sustaining economic growth in African countries. She served on the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee staff for five years under Chairman Michael McCaul (R-TX), most recently as a Professional Staff Member covering portfolios including oversight of global health programming, U.S. participation in the United Nations and international organizations, and certain economic development efforts. She also previously worked as a Program Advisor at the DC-based nonprofit The Fund for American Studies.

She received a B.A. in History and French from Grove City College in Pennsylvania and subsequently earned an M.A. in Violence, Terrorism and Security from Queen's University Belfast in Northern Ireland.