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- Senior advisor to the deputy assistant to the president and deputy homeland security advisor on the National Security Council staff at the White House;
- Counterterrorism advisor for the undersecretary of state for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights;
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Ms. Erdberg comes to USIP most recently from Accenture Federal Services, where she consulted on developing responsible uses of artificial intelligence for the federal government. Prior to federal government service, she held policy and legal positions at the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, the World Health Organization, and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

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