

Karen Kornbluh

Ambassador Kornbluh leads the Digital Innovation and Democracy Initiative at the German Marshall Fund of the U.S., a nonprofit dedicated to transatlantic cooperation and democracy.

She was confirmed unanimously by the U.S. Senate to serve as U.S. Ambassador to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in Paris where she led the organization to refocus on digital, gender, and development policy reforms. The *New York Times* [called](#) her a champion of economic equality.

Kornbluh spearheaded the first global “Internet Policymaking Principles” as U.S. Ambassador and negotiated the eRate program connecting schools to the internet at the Federal Communications Commission. She has published widely on the internet, including in *Foreign Affairs*, *The Washington Post*, and the *New York Times*, and has testified before the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, as well as the European Parliament. Today, she chairs the Open Technology Fund, a government-funded nonprofit advancing global Internet freedom.

She served in senior roles in government, at the U.S. Federal Communications Commission and Department of the Treasury and on the board of the U.S. Agency for Global Media.

Kornbluh began her career in the private sector as an economic forecaster at Townsend-Greenspan and later held the position of executive vice president at the global data firm Nielsen, where she launched the Nielsen Foundation.

She is a lifetime member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the National Academy of Social Insurance.