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Sahra English is Vice President of Global Public Policy at Mastercard. In this role, she is responsible for leading the company's global trade agenda, and leading international government advocacy strategies for major trade negotiations, including TPP, TiSA, USMCA, and other investment treaties. Among her priorities on trade policy is to protect Mastercard's interests globally, and promote electronic payments through developing policies that facilitate market access. Ms. English serves as a member of the U.S. Government's Industry Trade Advisory Committee (ITAC) on Services. Ms. English joined Mastercard in 2000. Prior to her current role, she was chief of staff for both the Chief Product Officer and Chief Emerging Payments Officer, managing business administration, executive communication and developing strategy. She has also held several positions of increasing responsibility in the global product and business development departments. Prior to joining Mastercard, she started her career at America Online (AOL) as a financial analyst. She holds an M.A. in International Political Economy & Development (IPED) from Fordham University, and a B.A. in Finance from Pace University. Ms. English is a co-chair of the Meridian International Center Corporate Council, and a frequent speaker at industry events including at the WTO, UNCTAD, USITC, and Harvard Business School, among others.