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T. Kareema Dauod-Akguc is a 16-year veteran of the State Department with professional and academic international relations and public relations experience, focused on the Middle East and Europe. She has significant experience as a speechwriter and in drafting timely written and oral communications for Congressional briefings, the White House, Ambassadors, the Secretary of State, and senior government representatives.

In her current capacity, she is a Pearson Foreign Affairs Legislative Fellow for the Department of State with Senator Chris Coons. Previously she served as U.S. Embassy Doha's principal lead and liaison to the Ministry of Culture on cultural relations for the 2021 U.S.-Qatar Year of Culture. Additionally, as Deputy Spokesperson, she managed media relations, briefed her principals for and conducted media interviews in Arabic and English, developed media strategies and messaging for traditional and social media, lead murder boards, and organized press conferences.

Kareema prides herself in being a people-person and a natural networker. She is a seasoned career diplomat, negotiator, and conflict resolutions expert, focused on finding common, shared ground, with expertise working across the aisle with career and political appointees, visiting Presidential and Congressional delegations, interagency members, and foreign interlocutors alike.

On a personal level, Kareema holds a Bachelor's Degree in Regional and Comparative Studies (between Europe and the Middle East) from Georgetown's School of Foreign Service; a Master's Degree in Arab Studies with a concentration in politics also from Georgetown University; and has completed coursework toward a PhD in Arabic Language, Literature, and Linguistics, from Georgetown. She has lived in Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Spain, and Germany, in addition to Virginia, Delaware, and California. She is a native of California, with Virginia and California both now being home. She is fluent in German and English and proficient in Arabic, French, and Turkish. Kareema is married to a university professor, with one daughter, and enjoys playing tennis, traveling, drawing, and reading in her free time.