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Andrea is the International Biodiversity and Climate Director at the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. Her responsibilities include driving a shift to a nature-positive world: reversing biodiversity loss, restoring ecosystems, tackling climate change and contributing to global poverty reduction. Prior to this she was the UK-focused Natural Environment Director at Defra.

She has spent 20 years as a civil servant. During 8 years in the Department for International Development she led the Climate and Environment Department, managed the UK's £3.87bn International Climate Finance portfolio and represented the UK on the Green Climate Fund Board and led DFID's largest bilateral programme in Ethiopia. Prior to DFID she spent 8 years in the Social Exclusion Unit and was the Head of Strategy at the Department for Communities and Local Government.

Her academic background is as a psychologist and medical anthropologist with expertise in working with children, young people and livelihoods. She has led large scale research programmes in Tanzania, Vietnam and Ghana and managed HIV/AIDS programmes for Save the Children (UK) in Malawi and Zimbabwe and advocacy work on sanctions in Iraq. She was educated at Oxford University and University College London and was a Fulbright scholar at Harvard.



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