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Kirsten has over 25 years of experience in human rights, child rights and child protection programme leadership and management, including over 20 years of experience with UNICEF in Kosovo, Moldova, China, Lao PDR and Germany where she led UNICEF's Refugee and Migrant Response from 2016-2018. Since 2018 she is the global lead for Child Protection Systems Strengthening, including social welfare and justice systems, in UNICEF Headquarters. Kirsten has extensive experience in child protection, including policy and legislative reform, successfully leading, and supporting reforms at the national level to better protect children, including on prevention and response to violence against children, justice for children, trafficking, migration, social welfare/social work, care reform/alternative care and birth registration. Prior to UNICEF, Kirsten worked with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the European Commission, Defense for Children International, and the International Social Service. She holds a Master of Laws (LLM) in International Human Rights Law.