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Previously, Ms. Yetken was Director for African Affairs on the National Security Council at The White House. She created the first-ever head of state summit between the U.S. and Africa, including the first U.S.-Africa Business Forum. Bringing together one fourth of the world's leaders and leading CEOs to Washington for a three day summit to discuss increased trade and investment in Africa, this event was the largest convening of heads of state by a U.S. president since 1945.

Prior to this position, Ms. Yetken led the Business and Human Rights section in the Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labor and served as lead U.S. negotiator at both the UN General Assembly in New York and the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva.

Ms. Yetken graduated with honors from Indiana University's School of Public and Environmental Affairs where focused on public policy and international affairs. She was named a distinguished alumna from Indiana University in 2010. In 2012, Ms. Yetken was a member of the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Agenda Council on Human Rights, created to convene thought leaders to develop innovative solutions to global challenges. In 2015, she was named a WEF Young Global Leader and is also a Term Member of the Council on Foreign Relations. She also serves on the Advisory Board of the University of Oklahoma College of Law's new Center for International Business and Human Rights, the first center of its kind at a law school. She also serves on the Global Reporting Initiative's Government Advisory Board.