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In 1998 she moved to the World Bank as Sector Director for Rural Development and the Environment in the Middle East and North Africa. In 2001 she returned to KfW to become Director for Europe and the Caucasus, serving simultaneously as Global Network Head for Financial and Private Sector Development. In this position she actively promoted financial sector development with a special emphasis on microfinance. In 2006 Ms. Köhn was promoted to Director General at KfW first responsible for Europe, North Africa and the Middle East (2006-2009) and subsequently for Africa and the Middle East (2010-2014). She retired from KfW end of 2014 and currently serves on the Supervisory Boards of Access Microfinance Holding and of AATIF (Africa Agriculture Trade and Investment Fund) as well as Chair of the Advisory Committee of Nomou Jordan Fund.