



**Danielle Walker**  
**Director, African Affairs**

Danielle Walker has worked at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce since 2005. She currently manages the day-to-day operations of the Chamber's Africa Business Initiative (ABI), which is the business community's leading advocacy group aimed at strengthening U.S.-Africa trade relations. She works closely with Chamber member companies, business coalitions, AmChams, government leaders, and business executives to achieve their business objectives in this complex part of the world.

Walker played an integral role in the establishment of the two bi-lateral business councils that operate under the aegis of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Africa Business Initiative—the U.S.-Côte d'Ivoire Business Council and the U.S.-South Africa Business Council. She serves as executive director the U.S.-Côte d'Ivoire Business Council and is a part of the leadership team managing the U.S.-South Africa Business Council.

Previously, Walker's portfolio included the Middle East and North Africa as well as sub-Saharan. During this time, she spearheaded numerous programs involving heads of state and senior government officials from across the region. She was also engaged in the activities of the Iraq Business Initiative and played a central role in establishing the U.S.-Egypt Business Council.

Earlier in her career, Walker developed and managed the Africa Intellectual Property Rights program and was also involved in the Chamber's Global Anti-Counterfeiting and Piracy Initiative. Before that, she managed various business-related programs for the National Chamber Foundation, an independent, nonprofit, public policy think tank affiliated with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

Prior to joining the Chamber, Walker worked in the Employment Standards Administration Division at the U.S. Department of Labor.

Walker has a master's degree in political management from the Columbian College of Arts and Sciences at The George Washington University. She graduated from Louisiana State University with a B.A. in political science.