

# Michelle Sylvester-Jose

## Policy Advisor

### Data Flows and Privacy Team



Michelle Sylvester-Jose is a Policy Advisor with the Data Flows and Privacy Team at the U.S. International Trade Administration. In this position, she works to promote policy frameworks to facilitate cross-border data flows to support trade. Since joining ITA in 2014, she has focused on working with small-and-medium sized enterprises to export overseas. She serves as part of the Department of Commerce’s Privacy Shield Team, and works on the APEC Cross Border Privacy Rules (CBPR) System.

Prior to joining the Department of Commerce, Michelle has several year of experience working with non-profit organizations on program management and development. Michelle has a master’s degree in International Relations with a focus on Conflict Resolution and Negotiations from New York University, she also received her bachelor’s degree in International Relations from the University of California Davis.

## About the International Trade Administration

The International Trade Administration (ITA) strengthens the competitiveness of U.S. industry, promotes trade and investment, and ensures fair trade through the rigorous enforcement of our trade laws and agreements. ITA works to improve the global business environment and helps U.S. organizations compete at home and abroad.

ITA is organized into three distinct but complementary business units:

**The Global Markets unit** combines ITA’s country and regional experts, overseas and domestic field staff, and specific trade promotion programs to provide U.S. firms with the full suite of country-specific export promotion services and market access advocacy, while promoting the United States as an investment destination.

**The Industry and Analysis (I&A) unit** brings together ITA’s industry, trade, and economic experts to advance the competitiveness of U.S. industries through the development and execution of international trade and investment policies and promotion strategies. I&A will leverage ITA’s relationships with manufacturing and services industries to increase U.S. exports.

**The Enforcement and Compliance unit** enhances ITA’s responsibilities to enforce U.S. trade laws and ensure compliance with trade agreements negotiated on behalf of U.S. industry.

**ITA MISSION:** Create prosperity by strengthening the international competitiveness of U.S. industry, promoting trade and investment, and ensuring fair trade and compliance with trade laws and agreements.

**ITA VISION:** Foster economic growth and prosperity through global trade.

**ITA VALUES:** High standards of personal integrity and professional excellence, Mutual respect and teamwork, Creativity and individual initiative.