

Biography



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Laura K. Ipsen is Vice President of Global Policy and Government Affairs for Cisco Systems, the global leader for networking for the Internet. Since 1996, she has been responsible for developing Cisco's public policy agenda and managing government affairs activities worldwide. She is also the co-chair of Cisco's Eco-Board focusing on Cisco's initiatives and leadership on environmental issues.

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Prior to Cisco, Ipsen worked in government affairs and international trade for Hitachi Data Systems and Acer Corp. She began her career in government affairs and international trade with PriceWaterhouseCooper's.

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