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Sally began her career at the joint office of the International Chamber of Commerce and the United Nations supporting private sector advocacy in the SDGs creation process. Shortly after, she joined PeacePlayers as a International Fellow in Belfast, Northern Ireland leading sport and peacebuilding programs in a society that is deeply affected by the legacy of sectarian conflict. Sally is a thought leader in the sport for development and peace space. She regularly shares her expertise at guest lectures and conferences. Sally is an Aspen IDEAS Fellow, AIF Fellow at the Center for Strategic & International Studies, and a Term Member at the Council on Foreign Relations.