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Paola is a connector, a change agent and a FinTech enthusiast. She joined the FDIC in 2014 to work on economic inclusion initiatives. She held leading and advisory roles, in various FDIC key business processes including consumer protection and risk management supervisory functions, research, corporate training and recruitment, finance, audits, procurement, process improvement, communications and partnerships with internal and external stakeholders such as financial institutions, government agencies, nonprofits, Capitol Hill, consumer and community affairs.

Between 2008 and 2013, she served as a consultant to over 100 financial institutions and nonprofits in 23 states and 10 countries. Previously, she was the director of two SBA Women Business Centers in the state of Georgia, assisting minority entrepreneurs to access credit and government contracts.

Her international work includes consulting engagements with major global development organizations such as CARE and the Inter-American Development Bank.

She is the recipient of two FDIC Chairman Excellence Awards for her work on Diversity and Inclusion in 2015 and 2016. Paola is the Founder of the Hispanic Organization for Leadership and Advancement (HOLA), a Hispanic Employee Resource Group (ERG) at the FDIC, and an interagency Hispanic ERG leaders' network. Paola is a native of Ecuador, and lives in Potomac, Maryland.