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Susan commenced her role as Austrade's Senior Trade Commissioner to Thailand in 2016. Her team in Bangkok is responsible for managing Australia's trade, investment and education relationship with Thailand.

Susan has a strong track record in international business having worked in Asia, Europe and the Middle East. Previously she was Senior Trade Commissioner to Malaysia and Brunei, where she also took a leadership role in raising the profile of Australia's healthcare industry in Asia. As Trade Commissioner in Dubai, she supported the expansion of Australian business interests in the Gulf region. As Trade Commissioner in Athens, she promoted Australia's sports industry capability in the lead up to the 2004 Olympic Games.

Susan also led teams to deliver Austrade's online strategies and the design of business systems to support the organisation's global operations and connectivity. She managed programs to support the internationalisation of Australian businesses and the attraction of foreign direct investment into Australia. She launched AusFilm to promote Australia's film industry overseas and the Women in Export Program to help SMEs succeed internationally.

Susan speaks Arabic, holds an MBA (Australian Graduate School of Management), Bachelor of Pharmacy (University of Sydney), Diploma in Film & Television Production and Certificate IV in Training & Assessment.