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My name is Geoff Dipre, and I am an International Affairs Specialist for NOAA, an agency of the U.S. government. NOAA is a science agency with the mission to understand and predict changes in climate, weather, ocean, and coasts, to share that knowledge and information with others, and to conserve and manage coastal and marine ecosystems and resources. My office is responsible for guiding NOAA's work outside of the U.S., and we help build NOAA's relationships with foreign governments, international organizations, and other offices and agencies in the U.S. government. We participate in negotiations to make sure that international policies and agreements are in line with the U.S.'s and NOAA's priorities. We also travel to meetings and conferences around the world to showcase NOAA's products and services and learn from others. I personally specialize in issues related to the Arctic and Antarctic regions, climate change, and marine scientific research.



**Skills used:** My day-to-day responsibilities involve coordinating information exchange and communication across all of NOAA's offices, and with other U.S. agencies and international partners. Therefore, having strong written and oral communication skills are critical for my job. Writing skills are especially important, as I often review text that is being negotiated, or I help draft speeches and remarks that NOAA's leadership delivers at international meetings. Being able to read and comprehend different types of information is also very important, as I often provide scientific advice to policy experts and policy advice to scientific experts. Finally, I need strong organizational skills, as I am responsible for coordinating all of the meetings and events that NOAA's leadership participates in when I travel with them to major international conferences.



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