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Linguist, educationist and social activist with extensive national and international teaching, research and advisory experience. She has lived and worked for an extended period of time in Ecuador, Mexico, Nicaragua, the United States, and Argentina.

In Ecuador, she was Pedagogical Director of the National Literacy Campaign “Monsignor Leonidas Proaño” (1988-1990) and Minister of Education and Cultures (2003). In Nicaragua she worked (1981-1986) as advisor to the Vice-Ministry of Adult Education and later as coordinator of the Popular Education and Communication Project at CRIES - Regional Coordination for Economic and Social Research for Central America and the Caribbean.

Following the World Conference on Education for All (1990), she joined UNICEF-New York as Senior Education Advisor and editor of UNICEF’s Education News (1991-1996). In 1996-98 she was Program Director for Latin America and the Caribbean at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, where she developed the “Learning Community” Basic Education Initiative, which she brought to and continued at IPE-UNESCO Buenos Aires, while working there as researcher (1998-2000).

She assisted UNESCO-Paris in the preparation of the United Nations Decade for Literacy (2003-2012) and drafted the Base Document for such decade. In 2000-2002 she was a member of the Jury for UNESCO's International Literacy Prizes (2000-2002). In 2004 she associated with the World Culture Open as Regional Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean and member of the International Jury of the WCO Prizes.

Since 2000 she coordinates the Latin American Statement on Education for All. She is the author of numerous books and articles on education in several languages. She moderates various national and international virtual networks linked to education, communication and culture.

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