

## Biography – Ms. Sandra Polaski

Sandra Polaski is an independent expert on labor, trade and social policy at the national and international levels. She has served as a policy maker, negotiator and researcher in a variety of positions.

Until 2016 she was the Deputy Director-General for Policy of the International Labour Organization (ILO). In that capacity she provided policy advice for the ILO's 185 Member States and leadership to the ILO staff responsible for research, statistics and policy analysis. She served as the ILO's Sherpa to the G20.

Earlier she served in senior labor positions in the US government, most recently as the head of the US Department of Labor's International Labor Affairs Bureau. While in government she was part of the negotiating teams for the United States' free trade agreements with Jordan, Singapore and Chile, and led negotiations for a Labor Action Plan with Colombia that was a condition for US ratification of the trade agreement with that country. She was responsible for the implementation for the US-Cambodia Textile Agreement as it came into effect in the early 2000's. Before that she served as the Director of Research for the NAFTA Labor Secretariat.

She has testified frequently before the US Congress on trade and labor issues, most recently to offer advice to the Congress on the labor chapter and new enforcement mechanism of the US Mexico Canada Agreement (USMCA), the successor to NAFTA.

She is currently affiliated with Boston University as a senior research scholar in the Global Economic Governance Initiative and is a member of the Independent Mexico Labor Expert Board, created by the US Congress to monitor and advise on Mexican labor policy in the context of the USMCA.