



Bio

Ms Dagmar Walter

Director

**ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team for South Asia and
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Ms Dagmar Walter, a Swedish-Swiss national, was appointed Director of the ILO Decent Work Technical Support Team for South Asia and Country Office for India as of 22 February 2018.

Ms Walter was Deputy Director of the ILO Decent Work Team and Office for the Caribbean from July 2014. Officer-in-Charge for extended periods, she fostered office efficiency and team spirit for more integrated technical assistance to constituents at national and CARICOM levels, in collaboration with stakeholders and development partners. Key areas included formalization, knowledge development through data and research, gender equality, inclusive workplace health promotion for productivity, child labour and youth employment, capacitated social partners, and just transition to environmental sustainability for climate resilience and a greener future of work.

As Head of the Management and Support Unit in the ILO Department of Statistics, Headquarters Geneva, 2009-2014, she played a key role in implementing a reform and change-management agenda, striving for modernised and relevant work methods by fostering talent management. In 2013, Ms Walter was responsible for organizing the 19th International Conference of Labour Statisticians, chaired by the India Chief Statistician, Prof Anant. Government, Employer and Worker representatives of some 100 countries adopted essential international measurement standards in the area of labour and decent work statistics.

From 2002 to 2009, Ms Walter served in the Policy Integration Department and subsequently the Employment Policy Department. She managed technical cooperation projects building the capacity of the ILO and its constituents to effectively implement Decent Work Country Programmes. She was engaged in national development frameworks, implementing Millennium Development Goals and Poverty Reduction Strategies. She developed capacity building and knowledge sharing tools in close collaboration with various technical departments, field offices and the International Training Centre of the ILO in Turin, Italy. Ms Walter worked in inter-regional programmes and focus countries like Ghana, Kazakhstan, Madagascar and Tanzania in the context of UNDAFs and One UN exercises.

Ms Walter started her ILO career in 1999 as Programme Officer in the ILO Pretoria office, managing and coordinating operations in Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Swaziland. She collaborated with the Southern African Development Community (SADC). As Child Labour Focal Point she took part in the implementation of the first Survey of activities of young people in South Africa.

Prior to her ILO career, Ms Walter worked with international development and human rights, primarily for the International Federation of Terre des Hommes and Amnesty International, as Consultant and Deputy Representative to the various UN human rights bodies in Geneva.

Ms Walter holds a Master of Public Administration from the Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP). She graduated in International Social Science from the Växjö University, Sweden. She also holds a Certificate in Human Resources Assessment from the Industrial Psychology Faculty of the University of South Africa, and a Certificate in French studies as foreign language from the University of Lausanne, Switzerland.