

Juana Herrera Araúz, new President of the CIM



Washington, July 19, 2023 - [The Inter-American Commission of Women \(CIM\)](#) of the Organization of American States (OAS) is pleased to officially announce Minister Juana Herrera Araúz as its new President. Dr. Herrera Araúz assumes the presidency of the CIM, replacing the Minister of Social Development of Panama, María Inés Castillo, due to the creation of the Ministry of Women's Affairs in that country and her appointment as its head. The CIM is grateful for the leadership and dedication of Minister Castillo during her tenure.

Dr. Herrera Araúz has an outstanding career as an activist and academic. She is a medical professional and holds a Doctorate in Clinical Sciences with a specialization in Addictions, a Master's Degree in Education with an emphasis in Educational Administration and a Postgraduate Degree in Psychopedagogy. In addition, she has held important roles, such as Director of the National Institute of Mental Health (2004-2008) (2019-2022), Head of the Mental Health section of the Ministry of Health (2007-2008) (2020-2022), and is founding director and Gender and Women's advisor of the Federation of Women Journalists and Public Relations (FEMUPERP). She has also been president and active member of the National Forum of Women in Political Parties (FONAMUPP).

CIM warmly welcomes Minister Herrera and reaffirms its commitment to continue working under her leadership in the promotion of women's rights in the region.