

Carmen Barroso



Carmen Barroso was the Regional Director of International Planned Parenthood Federation, Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR), until her retirement in April 2016. Among her responsibilities was the leadership of a comprehensive accreditation system to ensure accountability among member associations. Carmen was awarded the 2016 United Nations Population Award, in recognition of her long commitment to population causes.

She taught reproductive health and rights as Hubert Humphrey Distinguished Professor at Macalester College and research methods at the University of Sao Paulo, Brazil. She was also a senior researcher with the Chagas Foundation, where she pioneered innovative evaluation methods and later created Brazil's first and foremost women's studies center.

Dr. Barroso became the first non-American to be appointed as director in the US MacArthur Foundation. She has served on several boards and international commissions, including the independent Expert Review Group, the Lancet Commission on Adolescent Health, the Independent Advisory Group on the Data Revolution, International AIDS Alliance, IBIS, and PAHO's Panel on Gender and Health that she co-chaired. Carmen Barroso holds a Ph.D. from Columbia University and did post-doctoral work at Cornell University.