UNDESA Director's Profile



Ms. Marion Barthelemy has been appointed as Acting Director of the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) in the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs effective 14 January 2016. Before joining the Division, Marion Barthélemy was Chief of the Intergovernmental Support Branch at the United Nations Division for Sustainable Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). In this capacity, she was part of the team supporting the negotiations on the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. From 2007 to 2012 she served as Chief of the Development Cooperation Policy Branch of the Office for Economic and Social Council Support (DESA), supporting the Development Cooperation Forum and the General Assembly's review of UN system country-level activities (QCPR). From 2000 to 2005, she served as Special Assistant to the UN Deputy Secretary-General, worked in the Office of two Under-Secretary-Generals for Economic and Social Affairs and supported the Assistant Secretary-General for Policy Coordination. At the beginning of her carrier, she worked as an economist in the Division for the Advancement of Women and later in the UN Drug Control Programme supporting the International Narcotics Board. She joined the UN in 1987 through the National Competitive Exam for economists and studied in "Sciences Po" Paris (with a focus on macroeconomic and social policies).