

## **Dr. Isabella Danel**

Isabella Danel MD MSc served as the Deputy Director of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), Regional Office for the Americas of the World Health Organization from 2014 to 2019. Prior to joining PAHO/WHO, Danel spent two decades with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in a variety of capacities focusing initially on reproductive health and later broadening to support the strengthening of public health systems globally with a focus on Latin America. Her posts at CDC included Chief of the Field Support Branch of the Division of Reproductive Health, Associate Director for Program Development at CDC's Center for Global Health, Director of the CDC Regional Office for Central America and Panama in Guatemala, Deputy Chief of the Pregnancy and Infant Health Branch of the Division of Reproductive Health, and Epidemic Intelligence Officer at CDC's Behavioral Epidemiology and Demographic Research Branch. She also worked six years at the World Bank, as a Senior Public Health Specialist in the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Office, on secondment from CDC.

Earlier in her career, Dr. Danel was a Clinical Research Fellow at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, a technical advisor to the Ministry of Health of Nicaragua, and an attending physician at Cook County Hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

Dr. Danel has written numerous scholarly articles and book chapters on reproductive and maternal health, public health systems and other public health matters. She holds a medical degree from Albany Medical College in New York and a Master of Science in community health in developing countries from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.