Saadia Sanchez-Vegas, PhD  
Director and Representative,  
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Saadia Sanchez-Vegas was appointed as Director and Representative of the UNESCO Cluster Office for the Caribbean based in Kingston, Jamaica on 1 September 2020.

In this role, she oversees the execution of UNESCO’s mandate for twenty Caribbean Small Island Developing States (SIDS). She has expressed her commitment to provide strategic and operational leadership for the subregional integration and sustainable development of Caribbean as a UNESCO priority group.

Previously, she was the Director of the UNESCO Office in Quito and UNESCO Representative for Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela from February 2014 to August 2020. She also served as Officer-in-Charge of the UNESCO Regional Office for Culture in Latin America and the Caribbean, based in Havana, from February 2021 to April 2022.

Dr Sanchez-Vegas has led strategies in knowledge management, Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) and Innovation for e-government and digital citizenship, as cross-cutting themes on inclusive and sustainable development in educational, cultural and technological public policies in Latin America and the Caribbean.

She has more than 20 years of experience in management positions and has an extensive career in management, technical cooperation and international relations.