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Sandra Polaski was the Deputy Director-General for Policy of the International Labour Organization (ILO) from 2012-2016. In that capacity she provided leadership to the ILO staff and departments responsible for research, statistics, policy analysis and policy advice for the ILO's 185 Member States. Prior to joining the ILO, Ms. Polaski served as U.S. Deputy Undersecretary of Labour in charge of the International Labour Affairs Bureau (ILAB), where she led bilateral and regional policy dialogues with other governments and was responsible for labour issues in the context of trade and trade agreements. Earlier she directed a research and policy program focusing on development, trade and income distribution at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, a global think tank.

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