



Irina Bokova has been the Director-General of UNESCO since 15 November 2009, and was successfully reelected for a second term in 2013. From Bulgaria, she is the first woman and the first Eastern European to lead the Organization. As Director-General, Irina Bokova is actively engaged in international efforts to advance quality education for all as a fundamental human right and a transformational force for countering violent extremism and youth radicalization, achieving sustainable development and empowering girls and women. She has made gender equality her own priority for the Organization.