



Ms. Renata Dubini

Renata Dubini assumed her duties as Director of the Bureau for the Americas at UNHCR's Headquarters in Geneva on 1 March 2015. She brings over twenty years of experience with the organization in Latin America, Southern Europe, Headquarters, Africa and the Middle East.

Ms. Dubini joined UNHCR in 1988 under the Junior Professional Officer programme. She subsequently took up several protection positions and headed field offices in Latin America and Africa. Ms. Dubini then served as UNHCR's emergency team leader during the Kosovo and West Africa situations and later led the Protection Capacity Section of the Division of International Protection, where her portfolio included refugee status determination capacity, protection staffing and training.

From 2007 to 2009, Ms. Dubini assumed the Representation of UNHCR in Liberia. There she worked in the context of an inter-agency/integrated mission during a period of consolidation of the internally displaced persons' programme, as well as promoted refugee returns. In the UN Country Team she was appointed as the focal point for the Peace Building Initiative for Liberia.

From 2009 to 2012, Ms. Dubini was the UNHCR Representative in Syria, tackling the challenges of a large and complex urban caseload as well as leading the Agency's initial response to new internal displacement. In 2011, she received a *UNHCR Award for Excellence* for inspiring her colleagues to use their abilities, values and imagination to make a difference to the lives of refugees.

Most recently, from 1 May 2013 to 1 March 2015, Ms. Dubini served as Deputy Director of the Division of International Protection and Head of the Resettlement Service at Headquarters.

Ms. Dubini was born in Italy in 1959, and pursued her legal studies at the Università degli Studi di Milano. She obtained an LL.M. on Human Rights from Essex University and worked as a legal practitioner and adviser prior to joining UNHCR.