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Luisa Cabal is the Special Adviser for Human Rights and Gender at UNAIDS. In 2014, she was a Fellow at the FXB Center for Health and Human Rights at Harvard University. From 2011 through 2014 she was a Lecturer-in-Law at Columbia University School of Law.

Until 2014, she oversaw the Center for Reproductive Rights' legal and advocacy efforts in the United States and globally as the Vice President of Programs. She joined the Center 1998 developing and expanding the Latin America and the Caribbean Program, and was at the helm of the Global Legal Program from 2005 through 2012, where she was

instrumental in the expansion of the program to offices in Bogota, Geneva, Nairobi, and Kathmandu. During her tenure, Ms. Cabal pioneered the Center's international litigation and advocacy efforts on sexual and reproductive health and rights, litigating landmark cases and overseeing the international litigation, law reform and advocacy strategies that have advanced legal and policy protections at the United Nations, regional bodies, and national-level courts and legislative and human rights bodies.

She has developed human rights training and fellowship programs that were critical in supporting young leaders in the reproductive rights field, and co-founded the first network of Latin American law professors (RED ALAS) working to integrate gender and sexuality into law school curricula. She is currently a member of the Lancet Commission on Global Health and the Law. She has served as co-chair of the World Health Organization's Reproductive Health Department's Gender Advisory Panel; as a member of the International Federation of OB/GYN's (FIGO) Sexual and Reproductive Rights Committee; as a member of the scientific advisory panel of the University of California's Global Health Institute; and as Board Member of International Planned Parenthood Federation-Western Hemisphere.

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