



Biography

United Nations Volunteers programme Executive Coordinator

Flavia Pansieri



Flavia Pansieri was appointed Executive Coordinator of the United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme in February 2008. Prior to joining UNV, she served as the United Nations Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Yemen, from September 2004 to January 2008. Over the past 25 years, she has held a number of increasingly responsible positions in various agencies of the United Nations system, working in different countries and office locations.

Ms Pansieri started her United Nations career in 1983 with UNDP in China where she was responsible for the UNV and Transfer of Knowledge Through Expatriate Nationals (TOKTEN) programmes, as well as for projects in the energy sector. She continued with UNDP in Bangladesh, from 1987 to 1990, and in Myanmar from 1990 to 1993. This was followed by a posting to Laos as Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). Thereafter, she spent 1995 to 1998 directing planning and evaluating activities at UNODC Headquarters in Vienna, Austria.

From 1998 to 2001, Ms Pansieri was the Deputy Executive Director of the United Nations Fund for Women (UNIFEM) in New York, United States. In this role, she engaged in promoting women's economic, social and political participation and in raising awareness about gender equality issues. Before taking up the Resident Coordinator and Resident Representative position in Yemen, she was in charge of the Country Division of the Regional Bureau for Arab States at UNDP, providing guidance and support to programme activities in the various countries of the Arab region.

Ms Pansieri is an Italian national. She has doctoral degrees in Philosophy from the University of Milan and in Chinese Language and Literature from the University of Venice. She is a fluent speaker of Chinese, English, German, French, Spanish and Italian.

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