

PAMELA COX

World Bank East Asia and Pacific Regional Vice President

Pamela Cox was appointed World Bank East Asia and Pacific Regional Vice President effective January 1, 2012. She comes from her current position as Latin America and Caribbean Regional Vice President, where she has served since January 1, 2005.

Ms. Cox has held management positions in various countries and regions since joining the Bank in 1980.

Her appointment marks a return to the East Asia and Pacific Region; From 1994-1996, she was Chief of the Country Operations Division in East Asia covering Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Malaysia, Thailand, and Korea. She served as Chief of the Agriculture and Environment Operations Division from 1992 to 1994 in the same region. During that period, she was involved in the re-engagement of Vietnam and Cambodia with the Bank.



As Vice President for the Latin America and the Caribbean Region, Ms. Cox oversaw a portfolio of over US\$33 billion in loans, grants and credits, coordinating the activities of more than 900 staff. Under her leadership, the region managed the highest IBRD lending volumes among Bank operational vice presidencies, accounting for more than 40 percent of IBRD lending worldwide.

In Latin America, Ms. Cox guided a strategic shift to reposition the Bank as a key development partner among diverse clients seeking a variety of knowledge and financial services, to help countries confront the challenges of reducing high levels of poverty and inequality while increasing economic growth and improving infrastructure. Disaster risk management was a priority issue in a region where over the past 30 years, direct and indirect damages from natural disasters are estimated at US\$700 million-US\$48.5 billion per year.

Previously, from 2000 to 2004, Ms. Cox was Director of Strategy and Operations in the Office of the Vice President for Africa. She served as Country Director for South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia, and Swaziland from 1996 to 2000.

Earlier in her career, Ms. Cox was a Bank economist working on agricultural and environmental issues in Africa, South Asia and Latin America.

Pamela Cox is a United States national. She holds a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree in Development Economics and Policy from the Fletcher School at Tufts University and a Master of Arts degree in Law and Diplomacy (MALD), Development Economics and a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in International Studies/International Economics from Reed College.