

Siva Kumari



Siva Kumari started her tenure as the seventh Director General of the International Baccalaureate (IB) in 2014 and is the first woman to hold the post. Dr. Kumari joined the IB as Regional Director for Asia-Pacific, responsible for services to schools in the Asia Pacific region of the IB. Named the first Chief Operating Officer responsible for IB regions worldwide, she led a global team in providing high quality cost-effective educational services that included authorization and evaluation of schools; professional development; and research including program validation, impact studies, and university recognition. Prior to joining the IB, Siva was the first Associate Provost for K-12 initiatives at Rice University, Houston, Texas. She also served as Associate Dean and Executive Director of Programs in the School of Continuing Studies, receiving critical acclaim for her work and winning several national and regional awards. Siva has served on a wide range of local, national and international professional advisory boards and committees. She has a bachelor of science degree from India, a master's degree from the University of Cincinnati in Ohio and holds a doctorate in education from the University of Houston in Texas.