

**Maria Luisa Regalado**, is a life-long proponent of workers and women's rights. Since the 1970s', she has worked with groups of farmers, manufacturing workers, students, women, and others pressing for rights in the workplace. In 1984, Maria Luisa co-founded the Council for Integrated Development of Campesina Women (CODIMCA), working with rural women. In 1989, she co-founded CODEMUH (the Honduran Women's Collective), in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, where she currently serves as Executive Director. At CODEMUH Maria Luisa has learned from, trained, and collaborated with thousands of women to increase leadership capacity, and managerial skills. She has developed a research and activism focus on gender-based violence and workplace violence. She has experience managing organizational, educational processes, planning and executing awareness campaigns aimed at workers, at the request of the government and the business sector. In addition, Maria Luisa has been involved in the resolution of labor conflicts for violation of human/labor rights of women workers in the maquiladora industry, with an emphasis on occupational health.