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Ms Galia Saouma-Forero has been Director of UNESCO's Division of Cultural Expressions and Creative Industries since September 2008. The activities of this unit cover ongoing creative industries programmes, issues related to the Universal Copyright Convention and the implementation of the 2005 Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions, of which Saouma-Forero has also been the Secretary since 2007. Previously, as Chief of the World Heritage Centre's Africa Section, she was responsible for designing and implementing the strategy to improve recognition and representation of African Heritage on the World Heritage List. She joined UNESCO in 1977 and has served in a range of different Secretariat positions. A graduate of Sciences Po and the London School of Economics, she also earned a Masters of Public Administration at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, in 1987.