

## CANDIDATE PROFILE



**NAME:** Blanca Ochoa

**DEPARTMENT/OFFICE:** Department of Financial Services

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Bachelor in Business Administration.

**EXPERIENCE:**

Blanca Ochoa began working for the OAS General Secretariat in May 2001, and currently works in the Department of Financial Services as Manager of Accounts Payable which includes Headquarters, Country Offices, and Project Offices.

During these 16 years, she has had the opportunity to grow professionally and personally by learning from each of the people that she has worked with. Also, she has been able to learn more about OAS projects and the impact of these projects in our Member States.

In 2015 she had the honor to serve the Staff as their representative in the Joint Parking Committee.

During the 2016-2017 periods, she had been part of the Staff Committee as Vice-president. In this position, she focuses her actions to provide benefits to all the staff, looking to integrate and provide them a great work environment.

**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

During years, I have seen the important role played by the Staff Association in supporting the employees, as a principal propose.

As the President of the Staff Association I pledge, not only to continue with the activities begun by the previous Committee to guarantee, protect and strengthen the rights of all members of staff, but to also work hand in hand with the Administration to promote better working conditions and ensure a work environment based on mutual respect. I also pledge to continue the serving as a channel for a constructive dialogue with the Administration in the defense of all of us.

I am committed to increasing transparency and dialogue between the Staff Association and all its members. I will work to prevent all forms of harassment and discrimination, and I will seek to make progress on obtaining better working conditions and benefits.

I believe in the OAS, in the work that each of us does and how our work impacts our Member States. It would be an honor to be nominated to serve as a President of the Staff Association Committee. I am committed to working tirelessly to protect the welfare of the staff and dignity in the workplace of the General Secretariat.