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Ms. Carolyn Rodrigues Birkett, a national of Guyana, started her career in 1989 as a school teacher in Moruka, Guyana. From 1995 to April 2001 she was Coordinator, Social Impact Amelioration Programme (SIMAP), responsible for coordinating the Indigenous Peoples Programme funded by the Inter-American Development Bank. From 2001 to May 2015, she served her Government in different positions: from April 2001 to April 2008, she was Minister of Amerindian Affairs (Indigenous Peoples); from April 2008 to May 2015, she served as Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and International Cooperation. Ms. Rodrigues Birkett also served as Member of Parliament from 2001-2015, having been elected on three occasions. In September 2015, Ms. Birkett joined FAO as Coordinator, Parliamentary Alliances in the Partnerships, Advocacy and Capacity Development Division (OPC). She was appointed Director of the FAO Liaison Office with the United Nations at Geneva with effect from 26 August 2017, where she is currently serving. Ms. Rodrigues has a Degree in Social Work from the University of Guyana and a Certificate in Business Administration from the University of Regina, Canada.