

# Women Authorities of the PAIGH



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1945-2021. She was the first woman to hold a position of authority at the PAIGH, and was nominated by her country to serve as Vice President of the Geography Commission for the period 1990 to 1994.

We briefly mention her fruitful scientific work since graduating with a Master's degree in Geography with an emphasis on multivariate analysis applied to geography, regionalization analysis, and regional development theory. She joined the IBGE in 1970 and remained there until 1997, holding various positions, from assistant to head and director of different departments. She was always involved in the transformation of her field of knowledge, from the introduction of quantitative geography to the restructuring of the geosciences area with the administrative reform.

From 1997 to 1998, she led the project of the Directorate of Geosciences, Operational Base of the 2000 Census.

As an academic, she served as a professor at the Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, the State University of Rio de Janeiro, and the National School of Statistical Sciences.

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