



# Amy Pope

**IOM DIRECTOR GENERAL**

With a wealth of experience of action in complex migration contexts, and driven by the desire to change the discourse on migrants on a global scale, Ms. Amy Pope took up her duties as Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) on October 1, 2023. She is the first woman to hold this position since the creation of the Organization 73 years ago.

From the start of her five-year mandate, Ms. Pope placed the Organization on a new strategic path, which should enable IOM to face an increasingly complex migration reality. This new direction gives the Organization the means to rescue and protect current migrants, but also to act proactively before a situation turns into a crisis.

Additionally, building on the reforms she began implementing when she was IOM Deputy Director General for Management and Reform, Ms. Pope made various operational changes to refocus the structure and the resources of the Organization on the work carried out by its teams in the field.

Prior to her arrival at IOM, the Director General served as Senior Advisor on Migration Issues to President Biden and Deputy Homeland Security Advisor to President Obama. At the White House, she developed and implemented comprehensive migration strategies in areas such as combating human trafficking, resettling refugees and vulnerable people, and preparing communities for migration. response and adaptation to climate-related crises.

Ms. Pope also served in various positions within the Department of Justice and the United States Senate, and was a Partner at the London-based law firm Schillings. She holds a Juris Doctor degree from Duke University Law School and a BA in Political Science (cum cum laude) from Haverford College in Pennsylvania. Mrs. Pope is married and has two daughters.