

## **Mariana Luz – CEO of Maria Cecília Souto Vidigal Foundation**



Mariana Luz is the CEO of Maria Cecília Souto Vidigal Foundation. She has more than 15 years of professional experience working in social development, governmental affairs, sustainability, corporate communication, trade policy and development of public policies. In 2015, she was appointed by the World Economic Forum as a Young Global Leader; in 2014 she was appointed as a Young Leader for both the US and Italy International Program; in 2011, she was part of the International Visitors' Leadership Program (IVLP), promoted by the US Department of State. In the past decade, Mariana has advised on the board of directors of various businesses associations and non-profit organizations in Brazil, the US and Europe, and currently acts on the board of Junior Achievement in São Paulo, United Way Brazil, and the Center of Excellence and Innovation in Politics (CEIPE) from Fundação Getúlio Vargas (FGV). She began her career at the Brazilian Center for International Relations, a major foreign policy think tank in Brazil, where she acted as the Institutional Director between 2003 and 2011. Subsequently, she was the Head of Government Affairs, Sustainability and CSR at Embraer, the Superintendent Director at Embraer Institute in Brazil, as well as the President of Embraer Foundation in the US. Simultaneously, Mariana maintained an academic career and worked as a Professor of International Relations at different private universities in Brazil, such as Fundação Armando Alvares Penteado (FAAP), Cândido Mendes and Universidade da Cidade. She holds a degree in International Relations from Estácio de Sá University, an MBA in International Diplomacy and a Masters of Art in History from the Rio de Janeiro State University (UERJ) and special certificates from Oxford University and the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.