



Sachiko Oba-Cote

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Sachiko Oba-Cote is an accomplished professional with extensive experience in educational leadership and nonprofit management, recognized for her creative approach to organizational strategy and program development. In response to the strong vision of the Science and Technology in Society (STS) forum founder H.E. Koji Omi to expand U.S. participation, she initiated the establishment of the American Associates of the STS forum (AA-STS), which was incorporated in November 2010 and obtained its 501(c)(3) status in January 2011.

Since then, she has led the region's engagement with the STS forum, building trusted relationships with top leaders across sectors, creating unique events that promote networking and deeper engagement among these leaders, and strengthening their contributions to the global STS community. She also oversees the organization's strategic operations, financial stewardship, and governance as a U.S. 501(c)(3), guiding its transition from AA-STS to NAA-STS in 2025 and strengthening its role as a regional hub for global science and technology dialogue.

Before joining AA-STS, she served for 15 years as President of the Kids' Space Foundation, leading international education programs that reached more than 30,000 teachers and students annually in 163 countries and received over 60 global awards, including the Tech Museum Awards and the Stockholm Challenge. She holds an M.A. and Ed.M. from Teachers College, Columbia University, and has authored ten books and numerous articles on logical thinking and persuasive writing. Her lectures have been hosted by institutions including the University of Tokyo, the Jacob Javits Convention Center in New York, and RAI Radio in Italy.

With deep experience in international collaboration, nonprofit leadership, and strategic communication, Sachiko Oba-Cote continues to advance the mission of the STS forum by fostering meaningful connections and strengthening scientific and technological dialogue across North America and beyond.