



Ana Helena Chacón Echeverría Vice President of Costa Rica

Ana Helena Chacón is the Vice President of Costa Rica. Through the Social Council and the Innovation and Human Talent Council of the Presidency, she coordinates Ministries and public institutions in their effort to reduce poverty and achieve social development.

She has a bachelor's degree on International Relations, and studies on Sustainability, Social Responsibility, Decentralization, Management and negotiation, from different institutions.

Vice President Chacón has held positions in both private and public institutions, where she consistently defended human rights. She represented the Costa Rican Union of Chambers and Associations of Private Enterprises (UCCAEP) in the commission for Employability of People with Disabilities in the Ministry of Labor from 2010 to 2014. Before, from 2010 until 2011, she served as Director of Management Consulting in Deloitte, Costa Rica. From 2006 to 2010, she was elected deputy to the Legislative Assembly of Costa Rica, where she wrote projects of social interest that are now current laws of the Republic.

From 2002 to 2005 she worked as the Deputy Minister of Public Security. Her work was aimed at improving response mechanisms and raising awareness of important issues such as domestic violence, sexual exploitation of minors, gender equity, juvenile justice and human trafficking. Throughout her job as Deputy Minister, she developed different programs concerning treatment for drug addiction in homeless people. Here, she also started working on tourism safety issues, which she continued during her time in the Legislative Assembly. She boosted the development of action plans for tourism safety in all regions of the country.

For over 20 years, she has worked on disability, poverty, infancy and gender, as director or board member in organizations like FUNDECOR, Paniamor Foundation, Coalition of Women Leaders against the feminization of HIV, Solidarity Triangle Program, Association for People with Down Syndrome and National Council of Rehabilitation and Special Education. In addition, she has been a speaker of seminars on different issues including gender, citizen participation, national security and citizenship, disability, tourism, sexual and reproductive health, childhood, adolescence, older people, education, national and international politics; feminization of HIV / AIDS, poverty, social exclusion, and sexual exploitation, that have been held in Costa Rica, Spain, Ethiopia, Argentina, Peru, Guatemala, Thailand, Colombia, Mexico, Honduras, Australia, Panama, Ecuador and Tunisia.