

Anabel González

As from 8 May 2010, Anabel González has been appointed Minister of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica.

Ms. González was senior consultant on trade and investment issues for the Inter-American Development Bank (2009-2010). She previously served as Director of the Agriculture Division in the World Trade Organization (2006-2009); Costa Rican Special Ambassador for U.S. Trade Affairs and Chief Negotiator of CAFTA-DR (2002-2004); Director General of Costa Rica's Investment Promotion Agency (2001-2002); Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade (1998-2001); and Director General for Trade and Investment Negotiations at the Ministry of Foreign Trade of Costa Rica (1990-1997).

Ms. González has published and lectured extensively in more than 25 countries on trade and investment issues. She also served in the Board of Directors of Costa Rica's Investment Promotion Agency (CINDE), is a member of Academia de Centroamerica, is included in the roster of panelists of the free trade agreements between Chile and Mexico and Chile and Peru, and has been designated as Public Figure of the year by several Costa Rican newspapers.

She has a law degree from the University of Costa Rica and a master of laws degree from Georgetown University. She has undertaken postgraduate studies at the Center for Applied Studies in International Negotiations in Geneva and at Harvard University.