

LAURA CHINCHILLA

Former President of Costa Rica (2010 - 2014). First women President in Costa Rica

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- The first woman elected President of Costa Rica (2010-2014)
- Political scientist with a Master's degree in Public Policy from Georgetown University
- Held positions as Minister of Public Security (1996-1998), Congresswoman (2002-2006), Minister of Justice, and Vice President of Costa Rica (2006-2010)
- Has taught at Georgetown University (USA), the Monterrey Institute of Technology (Mexico), and the University of São Paulo (Brazil)
- Led the first Electoral Observation Mission of the Organization of American States in the United States during the November 2016 elections
- In recent years, she has worked as an advisor to international organizations on women's leadership, human rights, the rule of law, democracy, and sustainable development
- Currently serves as Vice President of the World Leadership Alliance – Club de Madrid, Co-Chair of the Inter-American Dialogue and the Concordia Summit, and is a member of the International

Laura Chinchilla served as President of the Republic of Costa Rica during the constitutional period of 2010-2014. She also held positions as Minister of Public Security (1996-1998), Congresswoman (2002-2006), Minister of Justice, and Vice President of the Republic (2006-2010).

Among the most significant policies promoted during her administration were those aimed at achieving real gender equality and equity. Under her leadership, Costa Rica reached educational parity across all levels, established a national program for early childhood care and shared household responsibilities, reduced femicide rates by 50%, and developed gender equity certification policies for companies.

During her tenure, she received two major international awards for her work in ocean protection and advancing the blue agenda: the "Excellence in National Ocean Stewardship Award" from the Peter Benchley Ocean Awards and the "Shark Guardian of the Year" award from The Shark Project.

She holds honorary doctorates from the United Nations University for Peace, Georgetown University, and Kyoto University of Foreign Studies. She is a member of prestigious initiatives promoting dialogue and cooperation. Currently, she serves as Vice President of the World Leadership Alliance – Club de Madrid, Co-Chair of the Inter-American Dialogue and the Concordia Summit, and is involved in various organizations such as the International Olympic Committee and International IDEA.

She has been a consultant in Latin America and Africa for several international organizations, including the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), focusing on institutional reform, rule of law, and security.

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Electoral Observation Mission for the 2015 elections in Mexico.

She is a guest professor at the Monterrey Institute of Technology in Mexico, the University of São Paulo (Brazil), and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. In recent years, she has worked as an advisor to international organizations on topics such as women's leadership, human rights, rule of law, democracy, and sustainable development.

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Laura tailors each presentation to the needs of his audience and is not limited to the topics listed below. Please ask us about any subject that interests you:

- Women's leadership
- Human Rights
- Rule of Law
- democracy
- Sustainable Development
- Latin America, Central America

CONDICIONES

- **Travels from:** Costa Rica
- **Fee Range:** Please Inquire