

Fernández Opazo, Carolina María (México)

Curriculum vitae

Personal data

Ms. Carolina Maria Fernandez Opazo (Mexican) was born in Kingston, Jamaica, in December 1972.

Ms. Fernández is married and has two children.

Educational qualifications

She has a B.A. on International Relations by the Universidad de las Américas in Puebla, Mexico.

She also studied Administration at the Universidad de las Américas in Puebla and Economics at the Universidad Católica Boliviana, La Paz, Bolivia.

Professional experience

Ms. Fernandez has held different positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, all of them in the multilateral area.

- Coordinator for Financial Issues, United Nations Division, May 2018 to May 2019.
- Director for Financial Issues, United Nations Division, November 2007 to May 2018.
- Deputy Director for Administrative and Budgetary Questions, United Nations Division, November 2000 to October 2007.
- Advisor to the Director General for the United Nations System, January 2000-October 2000.
- Analyst in charge of candidatures and political affairs, United Nations Division, April 1999- December 1999.

Main activities

- Expert on the Committee on Budget and Finance of the International Criminal Court (April 2007 to date). She has served as Chairperson since 2014.
- Expert on the Financial Committee of the Permanent Court of Arbitration. She chaired the Committee during 2015, 2018 and 2019.
- Expert on the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL) (2016-2019), which she is currently chairing.
- Participation in the negotiations of the United Nations Regular Budget, scale of assessments and Peacekeeping Operations from 2003 to date.
- Member of the Delegation of Mexico that participated in the First Conference of States Parties to the Arms Trade Treaty (August 2015)
- Technical Secretary for the evaluation of Mexican memberships to international organizations. (December 2006-May 2007).
- Main negotiator of the Mexican Delegation to the scale of assessments process of the United Nations General Assembly for the period 2007-2009. (March-December 2006).
- Team leader of the Specialized Group of the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs on scales of assessment of international organizations. (January 2006).
- Officer in charge of the Mexican candidature to the UN Economic and Social Council. (October 2001-December 2002)
- Officer in charge of the Mexican candidature to the UN Security Council. (December 2000- October 2001)

Congresses

- Symposium on “Building the Financial System of the 21st Century: An Agenda for Latin America and the United States”. Harvard Law School. November 2014.
- Youth National Congress on the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and related Intolerance. Organizer. June 2001.

- Regional Workshop on Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters related to drugs and organized crime. Organizer. June 2000.
- Youth National Congress on the Millennium Assembly. Organizer. May 2000.
- High Level Regional Meeting “Towards a More Stable and Predictable Financial International System and its Social Link”. Organizer. September 1999.

Ms. Fernandez speaks fluent Spanish and English and has knowledge of Italian and French.