

Ana Albán Mora

Ana Alban is a lawyer, graduated from the University Católica de Santiago de Guayaquil. During the first years of her professional life, she worked in the banking and stock market sectors to later specialize in Public Law. She is named the State Attorneys General delegate for three provinces: Guayas, Manabí and Galápagos. During the same period she is designated as a special advisor to the Guayas Transit's Commission Board.

She has always been involved in charity and community development activities with a special focus on Ecuador's coastal communities. She was invited to join the Guayaquil's chapter of Fundación Natura in 2000. During this period she starts her studies in Development and Social policy in the University Mónica Herrera, Guayaquil. While in office, she manages an important project portfolio in the areas of environmental sustainable resource management, local development and reforestation.

She becomes involved in the Italy-Ecuador Debt swap negotiation process which resulted in several technical cooperation programs and projects signed in the areas of infant health with a special mention on the agreement with the Hospital del Divino Niño Jesús in Rome to treat Ecuadorian unprivileged kids. She works as a facilitator in organizations such as the Ethic Bank and Foundation Etimos and supports the startup process of their activities in Ecuador in the areas of Microcredit and Microfinance.

She participated in several international forums and events, both as a speaker and as a participant.

In the year 2005, she is named by the President Alfredo Palacio, Minister of State for the Environment. During her tenure it is worth highlighting the beginning of the dialogue process for the Galápagos with the goal to establish a development agenda. This initiative is later named as "Galapagos 2020", which leads amongst other initiatives, to the development, funding and successful implementation of the project of "Introduced Species Fund". She is credited for introducing and implementing a competitive process for all public office positions during a period of political conflict due to patronage and lack of transparency in the Galapago's local government institutions human resource management. As a result, this period becomes a turning point in quality of staff in local institutions in Galapagos and the beginning of a conflict-free local development process.

In addition, during her tenure as a Minister of State, the protected and buffer zones for the indigenous people in voluntary isolation in the Ecuadorian Amazon are created and delimited by an executive decree. When the current President Rafael Correa wins the presidential elections she is confirmed in her position until November 2007.

In January 2008 she is named Executive Director for the newly created Ecuadorian Agency for International Cooperation (AGECI). She is immediately confronted with a devastating natural disaster affecting with extensive flooding the entire central coastal region for almost five months. She coordinates the humanitarian and reconstruction efforts at the central level and at the local level together with the Ministry for the Littoral. In addition to the technical and financial resources mobilized, the noteworthy outcome is the national technical capacity created for disaster management and disaster risk reduction which is still in place, more than a year later; applying successfully the Paris Declaration principles for aid management and aid effectiveness.

Ana Albán's academic profile, combined with her experience in development issues and public office, is an asset that results in a profound knowledge of our country. She has collaborated with Rafael's Correa and the government since the early days.