



BIOGRAPHIES

ALICIA BÁRCENA

Executive Secretary, ECLAC

Alicia Bárcena was appointed Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) in July 2008.

Previously, she served as Under Secretary General of Management at the United Nations Headquarters in New York, appointed by UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon in January 2007. Between March 2006 and that date she worked as Deputy Chief of Staff and Provisional Chief of Staff for former UN Secretary General Kofi Annan.

She is founder and director of the Earth Council, a non-governmental organization based in Costa Rica, following up the agreements that resulted of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) that took place in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in 1992. She also collaborated with the Secretariat of the UNCED in charge of various topics related to the Agenda 21.

Ms. Bárcena holds a degree in Biology and master studies in Ecology from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Harvard University.