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**Place and Date of Birth:** Andagoya - Chocó, 8 August 1963

**Working Language:** Spanish

**Current Post or Job:**

Independent Expert, United Nations Committee for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERD), 2008 - 2012. International consultant on human rights issues.

**Principal Professional Activities.**

Worked from November 1994 to May 2009 at director and adviser levels in the government. Was Deputy Director and, on two occasions, Director of Negro, Race and Palenquera Community Affairs at the Ministry of the Interior and Justice, with a permanent seat on the Council for Economic and Social Policy (CONPES), from where he coordinated the drawing-up of public policies for the said groups. Worked for nine years as human rights adviser to Colombia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Multilateral Economic, Social and Environmental Affairs Division. In his capacity as member of the negotiating team for the Free Trade Agreement between Colombia and the United States, was part of the delegation which promoted the country's interests on the question of protecting the rights of migrant workers and their families. Alternate to the head of the Colombian delegation to the Third World Conference on Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and other related forms of Intolerance, held in 2001 in Durban, South Africa, and the preparatory Regional Conference in Santiago, Chile, amongst other relevant conferences. Author of the initiative which resulted in Article 113 in Law 50 of 1990, which guaranteed a retirement pension for more than 750 former workers of the company Metales Preciosos del Chocó. Member of the governmental work group which drew up Andean Decision 391 relating to access to genetic resources and derivatives thereof, and of the group of experts which formulated Law 70 of 1993, the law governing the Rights of Negro Communities as an Ethnic Group.

**Academic Titles:**

Lawyer with a specialisation in environmental law, and diploma in human rights.

**Other professional activities associated with the Committee for the Elimination of all forms of Racial Discrimination.**

Author of the initiative which resulted in United Nations General Assembly Resolution 64/169, promoted by Colombia, whereby 2011 was declared International Afro-Descendants Year. Attached to the Racial Equality, Cultural Differences, Environmental Conflicts and Racism in the Americas - IDCARAN - Research Group at the Centre for Social Studies, National University of Colombia. Awarded the José Hilario López Military Merit Medal in Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law by the Armed Forces of Colombia General Command, September 2007. In recent months has given lectures in Geneva, Peru, Guatemala, Panama, Washington, Colombia and Honduras.

**Most Recent Publications:**

Reinforcing Racial Impartiality Organisations. Integration Magazine No. 5, Andean Community Cultural Policies, Lima, Peru, February 2010. Affirmative Action Measures or Special Measures for Redressing Historical Injustices and Discrimination, in "Revista El Otro Derecho", No. 41, Latin American Institute for an Alternative Law and Society, July 2010.

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