



Ivonne A-Baki

Candidate For United Nations Secretary General

Your Excellency,

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration as I present my candidacy for Secretary-General of the United Nations.

The world is undergoing profound change. Geopolitical tensions, economic uncertainty, environmental disruption, and rapid technological transformation are challenging all nations large and small, developed and developing. In this moment, the United Nations must remain a source of stability, cooperation, and hope.

My career as a diplomat, peace negotiator, educator, and advocate for cultural and environmental understanding has strengthened my belief that when nations work together in mutual respect, shared progress becomes possible.

If entrusted with this responsibility, my commitment is to serve all Member States equally, with impartiality and humility. My priorities will be to strengthen the UN's effectiveness, deepen global cooperation, support sustainable development, and ensure that the benefits of emerging technologies, especially artificial intelligence are accessible, safe, and aligned with the needs of every region. I will work to enhance the UN's capacity for conflict prevention, humanitarian response, and resilience-building in the face of climate and environmental challenges.

I believe strongly in dialogue, trust-building, and respect for the sovereignty and diversity of nations. The UN must continue to be a platform where all voices are heard and where global challenges are met through collective solutions. My experience across Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, Asia, and North America has taught me that unity is not achieved through uniformity, but through cooperation grounded in shared humanity.

I would be honored to work with every Member State to advance peace, dignity, and sustainable progress for present and future generations.

Yours sincerely,

Ivonne A-Baki



IVONNE A-BAKI, FORMER AMBASSADOR OF ECUADOR TO THE UNITED STATES, FRANCE & QATAR.

Diplomat & Peace Negotiator • Global Bridge-Builder • Advocate for Biodiversity and Indigenous Leadership • Fluent in English, Arabic, Spanish, French, German

Ivonne A-Baki uniquely unites peace negotiation, biodiversity leadership, Indigenous partnership, cross-regional diplomacy, and multilingual cultural fluency. She is the only candidate with a proven track record in brokering peace (Ecuador-Peru), safeguarding the Amazon and Galápagos, negotiating multinational ocean protection, and building bridges between Latin America, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and the United States with the capabilities to better unite the global north and global south.

She is a seasoned diplomat and peace negotiator with more than 40 years of expertise including conflict resolution, biodiversity and ocean protection, Indigenous partnership, intercultural dialogue, and global economic policy. She has demonstrated the ability to secure multinational agreements, build cross-regional coalitions, modernize institutions, and advance innovative global initiatives. She embodies the qualities required for the new Secretary-General of the United Nations in the climate and AI era: diplomacy, environmental vision, cultural empathy, institutional reform, public/private sector experience, and the trust of leaders around the world.

KEY ACHIEVEMENTS & LEADERSHIP ROLES

Diplomacy & Peace Building

- Advisor to the President of Ecuador during negotiations that led to the 1998 Ecuador-Peru Peace Agreement
- Ambassador of Ecuador to France and Monaco (2024-2025)
- Ambassador of Ecuador to the United States two times (1998-2002; 2020-2024)
- Ambassador of Ecuador to Qatar, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Kuwait, Oman, Syria (2017-2020)
- Honorary Consul in Lebanon (1981) and Boston (1992-1998)
- Member, Harvard Conflict Management Group, working on negotiations worldwide
- Board Member of the International Peace Institute (Present)

Diplomacy & Peace Building

- Chief Negotiator, Yasuní-ITT Initiative protecting the world's most biodiverse rainforest
- Negotiated & Executed the largest debt swap financing blue bonds for \$1.6B for the Galapagos
- Founder & President, Galápagos Conservancy Foundation
- Successfully negotiated a four-nation (Ecuador, Columbia, Panama, Cost Rica) ocean protection agreement safeguarding the Galápagos Marine Corridor
- Advocate for Indigenous environmental leadership and circular economy models

Arts, Culture & Public Health

- Founder, Harvard Arts for Peace, promoting cultural diplomacy
- Founder, Beyond Boundaries Foundation, which eradicated river blindness in Ecuador and now expands public health education
- Professional artist and lifelong promoter of art as a tool for peace

UN & Multilateral Engagement

- UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador for the Dialogue of Civilizations (2010–present)
- Leader in intercultural and interfaith diplomacy
- Advocate for Indigenous rights and global biodiversity governance

Government & Regional Leadership (Public & Private Sector Experience)

- Minister of Foreign Trade, Industry, Regional Integration, Fisheries, and Competitiveness (2003–2005)
- President, Andean Parliament (Ecuador, Columbia, Peru, Bolivia, Chile) (2007–2009)
- President, Economic Affairs Committee, EUROLAT (2007–2009)
- Co-chair of European Parliament and Andean Parliament (2007–2009)
- Member of Boards: Andean Development Corporation (CAF), COMEXI, Petroecuador

EDUCATION

- Master's Degrees in Public Administration and Public Policy, Harvard Kennedy School, 1993
- Arts studies at the Sorbonne University, Paris

Transform the United Nations

Vision Statement

A United Nations that delivers peace with dignity, protects the planet through Indigenous partnership, modernizes through responsible AI, and ensures every person especially youth has the opportunity to thrive in a rapidly changing world. A UN that looks beyond blue to work faster, smarter, more inclusively, and with deeper humanity.

Mission Statement

To restore global trust in the United Nations by strengthening peace, accelerating climate and biodiversity action, expanding opportunity through AI and future-skills education, empowering Indigenous and vulnerable communities, and ensuring every UN dollar delivers measurable impact for people and planet.

Strategic Pillars:

Peace With Dignity & Human Security

Strengthening early warning, inclusive mediation, peacekeeping reform, and dialogue across conflict regions.

Planetary Security: Climate, Biodiversity & Indigenous Partnership

Scaling self sustaining models, protecting forests and oceans, elevating Indigenous leadership, and mobilizing resilience funding.

Dignity for All: Basic Needs, Equality & Human Rights

Ensuring food, water, health, education, justice, and gender equality reach the most vulnerable.

Sustainable & Inclusive Economies

Supporting decent work, innovation, resilient cities, and green economic transformation.

A Lean, Efficient & Impact-Driven UN ('Beyond Blue' Reform)

Reducing duplication, using AI for education & efficiency, digitizing operations, and increasing transparency.

Responsible AI, Digital Access & Future Skills

Universal digital access, AI safety standards, AI education for youth, and using AI to cut costs and improve services.

The Commitment

A United Nations that protects peace, restores trust, uses AI responsibly, centers Indigenous voices, mobilizes new resources, and delivers measurable results for people and planet.