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*High-Level Panel*



### Mr. Darío José Mejía Montalvo

Chair of the United Nations Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Mr. Mejía Montalvo belongs to the indigenous Zenú Peoples of San Andrés Sotavento. Mr. Mejía Montalvo is a Political Scientist from the National University of Colombia, with a Master's degree in Development Management from the University of the Autonomous Regions of the Nicaraguan Caribbean Coast (URACCAN). He is a member of the National Commission for Labor and Coordination of Education of the Indigenous Peoples of Colombia (CONTCEPI).

Mr. Mejía Montalvo serves as the leader of the National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC), and from 2008 to 2012, he served as the ONIC Counselor of Education. Additionally, Mr. Mejía Montalvo is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean; and the Technical Secretary of the Permanent Dialogue Mechanisms between the National Government and the Indigenous Peoples of Colombia. In 2014, Mr. Mejía Montalvo coordinated the adoption of Decree 1953, the indigenous component of the National Development Plan 2014 and the shortened period procedure "Fast Track," in the framework of the implementation of the Final Peace Accord.



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