

AMBASSADOR FEDERICO VILLEGAS

Lawyer and career diplomat. He entered with honors the Argentine Foreign Service in 1993. Born 24/03/66 in Santiago del Estero, Argentina. Married, two children

Professional background

- **2016-2020** Ambassador of Argentina in Mozambique. He inaugurated the diplomatic representation in Maputo, carrying out the negotiations of the bilateral agreements to establish the trade, cultural, political and technical assistance cooperation framework, in particular in agriculture and food security. He participated in the Peace Process, as representative of the country chair of the international experts for the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration (DDR) which fostered the Cease Fire and the Peace and Reconciliation Agreements of August 2019
- **2012-2016** Director General of Human Rights. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Minister. Coordinator of the establishment of the International Institutes for Human Rights Public Policies of Mercosur and of UNESCO, both based in Argentina. Head of delegation to the UN Human Rights Council and to the Inter-American System of Human Rights. National Representative to the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance IHRA
- **2008-2011** Alternate Representative for MERCOSUR and the Association for Latin-American Integration (ALADI) in Montevideo, Uruguay. Minister Counselor. In charge of small and medium business, political and social issues in the integration process, and technical cooperation. Representative to the Board of evaluation and approval of structural development regional projects of Mercosur (FOCEM)
- **2005-2007** Director General of Human Rights. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Counselor. Head of Delegation in the presentation and negotiation of the first Right to the Truth resolutions adopted at the UN and the OAS, as well as of the first international mechanism to implement the San Salvador Inter-American Treaty for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at the OAS. He represented the State in cases before the Inter-American System of Human Rights. Head of Delegation in the negotiations for the establishment of the UN Human Rights Council
- **2003-2004** Deputy Director of Human Rights. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. First Secretary. He coordinated the elaboration of the first National Plan against Discrimination, following the Durban Conference guidelines, and he represented the State before the Inter-American System of Human Rights
- **1995-2003** Alternate Representative to the Organization of American States. Washington D.C. Second Secretary. Human rights, development cooperation and civil society issues. Chair of the Working Group for the negotiation of the Inter-American Program for the Eradication of Extreme Poverty and of the Working Group for the establishment of an Inter-American Agency of Cooperation and Development. Rapporteur at the OAS General Assembly
- **1993-1995** Directorate of International Security, Nuclear and Space Affairs. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Third Secretary. Disarmament, chemical weapons and international security issues. He coordinated the establishment of the national chapter of the UN Register for Conventional Weapons and of the National Authority for Chemical Weapons Control

- **1991-1992** Foreign Service Institute (ISEN). He entered first in the order of merit. Silver Medal and Elena Holmberg Award of Theory and Practice of Diplomacy. Thesis on Human Rights and Foreign Policy, the case of Argentina (2007)
- **1989-1990** Alianak and Associates. Lawyer. Administrative Law. Rosario, Argentina.

Education

- Lawyer. National University of Rosario (UNR) Rosario, Santa Fe, Argentina (1989)
- United Nations Disarmament Fellow (1994)
- Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MALS) *Cum Laude*, Georgetown University, Washington D.C. Published thesis on Cooperative Security in the Post-Cold War, confidence building measures (1998)
- Intensive Program for Human Rights, New College, Oxford University (1999)
- Human Rights Diploma, International Institute of Human Rights, Strasbourg, France (2001)
- Young Leader of the Americas, Rice University, Texas, USA (2004)
- Visiting professor at the School of Foreign Service, Washington D.C.
- Assistant Professor of International Law (1988-1992). National Universities of Rosario and of Buenos Aires
- Primary and Secondary public school in Santiago del Estero, Argentina
- AFS International Intercultural Program, California, USA (1984)
- Several national and international publications on human rights and disarmament issues.