

## Fernando Ocampo



Fernando Ocampo is an accredited lawyer and has a graduate degree in Public Law from the Universidad de Costa Rica. He has a masters degree in International Economic Policy from the London School of Economics and he has continued his studies at the Centre for Trade, Policy and Law in Ottawa, Canada and at the World Trade Institute in Berne, Switzerland. Mr. Ocampo is a university professor and an international consultant on topics such as international trade and commercial integration. He has offered conferences in more than fifteen countries and has published numerous articles related to international trade. He is currently working at the Ministry of International Trade in Costa Rica as the Deputy Chief for Commercial Matters in the negotiation of the Central America-European Union Association Agreement.

Fernando Ocampo has engaged in a number of professional activities. He has done research for different national and international institutions such as the Inter-American Development Bank, the Organization of American States, the World Bank, the Academia de Centroamérica, among others, on topics related to international trade, economic integration and commercial policy. He has been a panelist in seminars and conferences organized by different institutions, and he also provides assessment to governments in areas related to international trade. Mr. Ocampo served as General Director of International Trade of Costa Rica during the period (2001-2005). His main responsibilities included; participation as Chief of the Group of Access to Markets in the framework of the negotiations for the Free Trade Agreement between the Dominican Republic, Central America and the United States; coordination of the definition of the national position in the negotiations for the subscription of the free trade agreements with the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and Panama. He has also been the public officer in charge of coordinating the technical participation of Costa Rica in the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas conformation process and of chairing, in the same forum, the Negotiation Group for Public Sector Procurement. He also led the definition and defense of the Costa Rican position in the Central American integration process with the objective of creating a regional customs union.

During 2004, Mr. Ocampo also served as Director of Implementation of International Trade Agreements, where he launched an internal restructuring focusing on internal enforcement. He was responsible for managing and monitoring the functioning of the commercial agreements in place in the country, which include free trade agreements with Mexico, Chile, Canada and the Dominican Republic.