



H.E. Epsy Campbell Barr
Vice President of Costa Rica

Epsy Campbell Barr is the current Vice President of the Republic of Costa Rica (2018- 2022), the first Afro-descendant woman in front of this high position in the American continent, Afro-Costa Rican leader, two times representative to the Congress of Costa Rica (2002- 2006; 2014-2018) and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2018).

She has been recognized by Forbes Magazine as one of the most powerful women Latin America and the Caribbean (2019); by “Estrategias & Negocios” Magazine as one of the most influential women in the region (2019); by the the African Renaissance and the Diaspora Network (ARDN) as one the most relevant Afro-descendants leaders in the American continent (2019); and by the Organization Most Influential People of African descent (MIPAD) as one of the most important women around the world.

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Before becoming Vice President, she was a human rights activist on issues related to women, indigenous peoples, afro-descendants, human development, social inclusion and the environment.

She was coordinator of the Afro-Latin American Women and Afro-Caribbean Network; coordinator of the Women's Forum for Integration in Central America; founding member of the Afro-Costa Rican Women's Center and international consultant. She was the promoter of the approval in Costa Rica of the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination and Related Intolerance (2016); member of the Committee who prepared the “Human Development Report for Latin America and the Caribbean Multidimensional Progress ” (2016) coordinated by UNDP; director of more than fifteen international investigations and author of 20 publications on social inclusion.

Mrs. Campbell has participated in different universities and international seminars organized by intergovernmental and multilateral organizations, as well as public institutions, electoral institutes and political parties.

She graduated as an economist and has two masters degrees: one in International Cooperation for Development and another in Advanced Management Techniques and Political Decision.

In her role as Vice President of the Republic of Costa Rica, she works in the implementation of “Franja de Desarrollo” to promote greater human development in the north border.

She is also in charge of the National Plan for Economic Empowerment and Leadership of Women, with the objective of reducing gender gaps and generating greater opportunities.

Vice President Campbell works on Costa Rica's national and international commitments for the fulfillment of the International Decade of People of African Descent and she promotes initiatives and strategies in favor of this population.