

## **Dr. Paul Oquist**

Dr. Paul Oquist is currently Executive Secretary of the Commission of the Nicaraguan Grand Interoceanic Canal and Minister - Private Secretary for National Policies of President Daniel Ortega Saavedra, in the Presidency of the Republic of Nicaragua.

Dr. Paul Oquist is a Member for the Latin American and Caribbean Group (GRULAC) to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change Standing Committee on Finance. He also represents developing countries on the Executive Committee of the UNFCCC Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage. He is member (reelected for a second term) of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration (CEPA) of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). He was Head of Delegation of Nicaragua to the 4th Session of IRENA Assembly; to the International Water Summit in Abu Dhabi (January 2014); the International Water Summit in Hungary (October 2013); the Roundtable on Collaboration with Latin America and the Caribbean on Climate Change (2013); and the III World Congress on Protected Maritime Areas (October 2013). He also has been Head of Delegation to the XVI, XVII, XVIII and XIX Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change (UNFCCC), and to the VI, VII, VIII and IX Conference of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol. He was member of the Delegation of Nicaragua to the XV Conference of States Party to the United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change (UNFCCC, COP-15), and to the V Conference of States Party to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP-5) held in Copenhagen, Denmark.

In 2008-2009 Dr. Oquist was Chief Advisor to the President of the United Nations 63rd General Assembly, and in this capacity the President appointed him Chief Negotiator of the Accord on Financing for Development, held in Doha in December 2008, and Coordinator of the United Nations Summit Conference on the Financial and Economic Crisis and its Impact on Development, held in June 2009 in New York. Dr. Oquist was Regional Expert on Governance for the Asia Division of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) based in Islamabad, Pakistan (1998-2006). He was Chief Technical Advisor for the UNDP Management Program in Mongolia (1993-1998), and Director of UNDP Public Administration Projects in Quito, Ecuador (1975-1979). He has also been a consultant for UNDP and UNICEF at the highest levels of government in Colombia, Ecuador, Kyrgyzstan, Vietnam and Philippines.

He was born in 1943, in Oak Park, Illinois, USA. His nationality is Nicaraguan. In 1965 he got his B.A. in Political Science at the University of California. In 1967 he got his Post-Graduate Degree in Latin American School of Political Science and Public Administration, at the Department of Latin American Social Sciences (FLACSO), Santiago, Chile. In 1968 he got a M.A. in Political Science at the University of California in Berkeley, California and in 1976 he got his Ph.D. in Political Science at the University of California in Berkeley, California. His doctoral dissertation "Violence, Conflict and Politics in Colombia", has been published both in Spanish and English.