

HE RICARDO LAGOS ESCOBAR

Former President, Government of Chile



Mr Ricardo Lagos Escobar, lawyer and PhD in Economics from Duke University, was President of the Republic of Chile between 2000 and 2006. During the 1980's, he led the Democratic Alliance and the Independent Committee for Free Elections. He is the founder and first

president of the Party for the Democracy. Mr Lagos was Minister of Education and Minister of Public Works under the two previous governmental periods. He has received the Honoris Causa from a large number of prestigious universities in the world, such as the Universidad Autónoma de México, Universidad de Salamanca, amongst many others. He was awarded the 'Berkeley Medal', top distinction of the University of California, Berkeley, California. Mr Lagos was named the Special Envoy for Climate Change of the UN and President of the Club of Madrid and served till the end of year 2009. He is also President of the Fundación Democracia y Desarrollo in Chile.