

## Patricia Chaves

Patricia Chaves has been appointed Senior Sustainable Development Officer at the UN Division for Sustainable Development since December 2005 and as the new head of the Partnerships Team within that Division.

She has extensive knowledge of sustainable development issues and vast experience in international negotiations after serving as Minister Counsellor of the Mission of Costa Rica to the United Nations from 1994 to 1998 and again from 2000 to 2003. During that time, she represented Costa Rican policies as principal negotiator in meetings related to environment, finance, forests, macroeconomics and sustainable development. She was senior negotiator on economic and environment issues on behalf of the Group of 77 (G77) and China when Costa Rica took over the G77 Presidency in 1996. She was also lead negotiator of Costa Rica at World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002. As Co-Director of the Costa Rica-Canada Initiative on Forests in the initial stages in 1999, she oversaw the development of the Initiative which resulted in the organization of eight regional meetings in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe with the participation of a considerable group of stakeholders.

She has a Master's Degree in Government with a focus on Economic Policy from Lehigh University and advance degrees on International Trade and Political Science.