

## JUAN CARLOS PINZÓN

Ambassador of Colombia to the United States of America (2015–2017), Minister of National Defense (2011–2015), expert on leadership, management and security

- Vice-presidential Candidate 2018
- Chief of Staff to the President of Colombia (2010-2011)
- As Minister and Vice Minister of Defense, he gave the toughest blows to the terrorist organizations
- Designed and managed the largest investment program in the armed forces
- As Ambassador, he led the bilateral relations with the U.S. government during the last year of the Obama administration and the beginning of the Trump era.
- Recognized as Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum
- He holds a bachelor in Economics and a master's in Public Policy from the Wood-row Wilson School of Public and International affairs at Princeton University

Chief of Staff to the President of Colombia during President Santos tenure. During nearly 13 years of public service (both locally and internationally) he led and managed policies with strategic impact for Colombia.

His expertise in security and international relations, has been decisive to carry out international cooperation projects, as well as to strengthen bilateral relations with the United States. He has represented Colombia in meetings with US Congress members, senior staff of US Departments of State and Defense, NATO representatives and members from the European Parliament. As Minister of Defense, he designed the Democratic Security Consolidation Policy. He was also responsible of designing and managing the largest investment program in the armed forces to enhance the capabilities to confront drug trafficking and terrorism, achieving the transformation and modernization of the military forces.

Pinzón has vast experience in the private sector. He was the Vice President of Investment Banking at Citibank Colombia, Vice President of Asobancaria (Colombian Banking Association), worked at the National Federation of Colombian Coffee Growers, and was Senior Advisor to the World Bank Executive Director for Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Panama, Philippines, Suriname, Trinidad & Tobago (2004-2006).

He holds a bachelor in Economics and a master's in Public Policy from the Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International affairs at Princeton University. He has teaching experience in economics at Universidad de los Andes and Universidad Javeriana (in Bogota).

Pinzón has several international recognitions including: Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum and the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal granted by the US Department of Defense.

## **TEMAS**

- Military and State Leadership
- Decision Making

- National Security
- Counter Terrorism
- Bilateral relations with the US Government
- Pacific Alliance
- Economy and Development (Investment in Colombia)

## **CONDICIONES**

- Travels From Bogota D.C., Colombia
- Fee Range: Please Inquire