



Rebeca Grynspan

Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

Rebeca Grynspan, economist and former Vice-President of Costa Rica, was named Secretary-General of United Nations Conference on Trade and Development in September 2021. She is the first woman to hold this position in the institution's 60-year history.

Prior to her appointment, she was the Secretary-General of the Ibero-American Conference, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Associate Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, as well as Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean.

She was elected Vice-President of Costa Rica from 1994 to 1998 and held the positions of Minister of Housing, Minister Coordinator of Economic and Social Affairs and Deputy Finance Minister.

A renowned advocate of human development, she has helped to focus the world's attention on the reduction of inequality and poverty, gender equality and multilateralism. She currently coordinates [the task team of the Global Crisis Response Group on Food, Energy and Finance](#) created by the United Nations Secretary-General and on whose behalf she leads negotiations to reintegrate food and fertilizers from Ukraine and the Russian Federation to global markets.

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