

COP16 Chair recognized as Woman of the Decade by Women's Economic Forum

Zoom in:

- The COP16 Chair and Minister of Environment and Sustainable Development, Susana Muhamad, was recognized by Women's Economic Forum in Colombia for her international leadership in the fight against the climate crisis.
- Muhamad has positioned Colombia as a world leader in environmental issues in the different scenarios of discussion to reverse climate change.
- The Women Economic Forum - WEF is the largest global gathering of women entrepreneurs and leaders worldwide.

Bogota, March 7, 2024 (@Minambienteco) – The Women's Economic Forum in Colombia highlighted the "distinctive voice and vision that inspires and innovates a new narrative of leadership in all walks of life" of COP16 President and Minister of Environment, Susana Muhamad.

"We want a heartbeat to come out of #COP16 that goes beyond politics, a global heartbeat that puts nature and life at the center of the climate change process, and where women have a leading role" concluded the minister.

During the years 2012-2023, she has been a leading figure in the fight against climate change and environmental conservation in Colombia. Her leadership in the Climate Emergency Declaration in Bogota during the years 2012-2015 is an example of her commitment to climate action at the local level.

In addition, her dedication to volunteerism and advocacy for the peace process in Colombia, as well as her leadership in the *Colombia Libre de Fracking* coalition and other environmental causes, demonstrate her strong commitment to social justice and environmental protection.

A nationally and internationally recognized environmentalist, Susana Muhamad has led technical assistance programs in Latin America to develop climate action plans, implement public policies and conservation programs, and fight deforestation in the Amazon rainforest.

For the Women's Economic Forum in Colombia, Muhamad's experience and spirit empower and guide the next generation of leaders committed to environmental stewardship and social justice".

Flashback fact:

- This recognition is in addition to that of 2023, when the minister was ranked by the international news agency Reuters as one of the 25 leaders in the fight against climate change.