

## **Victor Ovalles-Santos**

### **Professional positions:**

**Diplomat, Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Venezuela to United Nations. New York, 2008-2013.** Representative of Venezuela to the UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) 2009-2012, Representative of Venezuela to the Second Committee of the 63,64,65,66,67 sessions of the UN General Assembly (UNGA). Representative of Venezuela to UNDP Executive Board Sessions since 2009. Served as G77+China Coordinator and lead negotiator on behalf of 132 developing countries in all ten Financing for Development resolutions since 2009, international financial system resolutions (2010,2011), financial crises follow up resolutions (2010,2011,2012), ECOSOC Ministerial declaration (2012), energy and harmony with nature resolutions (2012), Global Economic Governance resolution (2013). Adviser to the Chair of G77 and China in 2010 and 2013 in MDG 8 related negotiations. Served as facilitator of GA res. 64/190 on international financial system, and ECOSOC 2012/9 on poverty eradication, both adopted by consensus. Has participated and/or been member of lead negotiator team in several UN Conferences, including: Doha 2008 FFD Follow Up, 2009 Financial and Economic Crises, Nairobi 2010 South-South, MDGS 2010, Istanbul LDCs 2011, 2012 Rio+20, 2010 and 2013 MDGS.

**Senior adviser to the Permanent Representative of Venezuela to UN and Deputy Minister for Multilateral Affairs. New York. 2008-2012.** Adviser on economic and political issues. Duties included elaboration of daily, monthly and annual reports, concept papers, statements, draft resolutions, and policy recommendations considered at the ambassadorial, ministerial and head of state level. Have had substantive and organizational responsibilities related to the holding of regular academic, and policy setting workshops with participation of academics, policy makers as ministers of finance, planning and development, central bankers, IMF and WB representatives, ambassadors, diplomats to UN, members of UN secretariat, and representatives of NGOs and civil society.

**Adviser to the Deputy Minister for Multilateral Affairs- Foreign Office. Caracas. Aug. 2006- Aug. 2008.** Contributed to the elaboration of policy papers and statements for the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs to be used or delivered at various forums such as OAS, WTO, UNESCO, FAO, United Nations Offices in Geneva and New York. Researched diplomatic archives, studied academic papers and reports made at international specialized organizations.

**Deputy Representative of Venezuela to RECAM. Montevideo. 2005.** MERCOSUR intergovernmental expert body of film industry authorities (RECAM) under the main policy decision making body (GMC). Negotiated intergovernmental declarations, including detailed recommendations on national public policies related to market access, services, capacity building, public-private partnerships, coproduction, technology, intellectual property rights. Promoted coproduction agreements for the provision of national and international financing for the development of Latin American film industry.

**International Affairs Director and Film Marketing Manager at the Ministry of Culture-National Film Board. Caracas Feb. 2004-Nov. 2005.** Responsible for supervising daily activities of a team of professionals working in seven operative units including international affairs, marketing, national and international promotion, commercialization, national film

commission, and capacity building. Responsible for the participation of Venezuelan films in 200 international events annually, including embassies and all mayor film markets and festivals.

**Adviser to the President of Latin American Parliament Commission on Economics Affairs and External Debt. Caracas Jan-Dec 2003.** Worked on the follow up to the Declaration of Mexico made by the Latin American Parliament due to the International Conference on Financing for Development. Adviser at situation room to the President. Member of the organizing committee of several academic and high level international congress and seminars, with participation of diplomats, members of congress, and, among others, the OPEC Secretary General.

**Analyst in the Ministry of Planning and Development. Caracas, Jan.-Dec. 2002.** International cooperation and multilateral financing unit, and also in the south south cooperation unit. Worked in the process of updating south south cooperation projects and initiatives database.

**Education and academic:**

Undergraduate:

Central University of Venezuela, School of Diplomacy & International Affairs.

Bachelor on International Affairs. 1997-2002. Caracas, Venezuela

Graduate:

UNEFA University, Postgraduate Diploma in Education Science. Aragua, Venezuela. 2008.

Other:

UNITAR. Several courses, among others: Negotiations at International Organizations and Conferences. 2009.

Teaching:

Adjunct Professor of Education and Research Methodologies at UNEFA University.

Adjunct Professor of “English as a Foreign Language” at Central University of Venezuela, Latin American University and UNEFA University.

Research Papers/Conferences:

“Policy discussions on multilateral financing for development”. Venezuela Central University. 2001.

Current trends on international cooperation for development. Venezuela Central University . 2001.

IFPC, Financing for creativity and cultural industries for development. CMC Institute. 2006.

Developing countries at UN and the Reform of the World Economy. Harvard University. 2012

Study awards:

Harvard University National Model of United Nations. Boston, 2001. Best delegate Award.

Associations:

Colleague of professionals on International Affairs of Venezuela.