

## ***AMBASSADOR ARTURO SARUKHAN***

Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan is an international strategic consultant and advisor based in Washington, and the former Mexican Ambassador to the US (2007-2013). He is a Non Resident Senior Fellow at The Brookings Institution and Distinguished Visiting Scholar at the USC Annenberg Public Diplomacy School. He is a digital diplomacy pioneer, the first Ambassador accredited to the US to use Twitter in an official capacity. He writes for Univision and a biweekly column on international issues for Mexico City's *El Universal* newspaper as well as a quarterly column on US politics and issues in *Letras Libres*.

The grandson of conflict refugees in Mexico, he's a career diplomat and received the rank of Career Ambassador in 2006. He has served in the Mexican Foreign Ministry as Deputy Assistant Secretary for Inter-American Affairs, Chief of Policy Planning, and Consul General to New York City, among other positions. In 2006, after requesting a leave of absence from the Foreign Service, he joined the Presidential Campaign of Felipe Calderón as Foreign Policy Advisor and International Spokesperson. He then became coordinator of the foreign policy Transition Team. Ambassador Sarukhan holds a B.A. in International Relations from El Colegio de México and an M.A. in U.S. Foreign Policy from the School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) of Johns Hopkins University, where he was a Fulbright Scholar and Ford Foundation Fellow. He has been decorated by the governments of Spain and Sweden, and has received several awards and honorary degrees in recognition of his diplomatic achievements. Ambassador Sarukhan sits on several boards -including the Americas Society, the Annenberg-Drier Commission at Sunnylands, the Inter-American Dialogue, and the National Immigration Forum. He was a Distinguished Diplomat in Residence at the Woodrow Wilson Center and a Pacific Leadership Fellow at UCSD. He was included in the List of Global Leaders of Monocle magazine, and was on the list of the 300 Most Influential Mexican Leaders by "Líderes Mexicanos" magazine for five years in a row.