



IVÁN DUQUE

Former President of the Republic of Colombia (2018 – 2022)

Iván Duque is the father of three and the husband of Maria Juliana. He was also the youngest elected President in Colombia's history at the age of 41 in 2018. He is currently a Distinguished Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson Center, a Transformational Distinguished Fellow at Oxford University, a Distinguished Fellow at WRI, a Leadership Fellow at FIU, a Distinguished Fellow at the Bezos Earth Fund, Ambassador for the World Coalition for Nature, Africa Carbon Markets Initiative (ACMI) Steering Committee member, Conservation International Board Member, Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) Board Member and McKinsey Sustainability Advisory Council member. He is a global expert in security affairs, sustainability, conservation, green finance, and energy transition.

He launched the Concordia Amazon Initiative in 2022.

He had a frontal fight against drug trafficking and organized crime groups, presenting the highest number of captures of high and middle-level crime leaders and dismantling illegal groups in a four-year period.

The Government of Colombia, under his leadership, create and implemented the Temporary Protection Statute for Venezuelans, the most extensive refugee assimilation program in the world, regularizing 1.8 million adults and minors to establish their lives with dignity and opportunities.

Iván Duque led the effort toward environmental protection in the region, especially in the Amazon. Among his many achievements, the following are the most notable during his presidency:

- Expansion of environmental protection to conserve 34% of Colombian territory as a protected area
- Launch of Operation "Artemisa" to combat deforestation
- Creation and promotion of the Leticia Pact for the protection of the Amazon
- Colombia increased electricity production from non-conventional renewable sources by more than 100 percent, among other actions to protect the environment and fight against climate change.

He also solved the social and economic problems derived from the COVID-19 pandemic, first by more than doubling the health sector's attention capabilities nationwide and then by decreeing a mandatory preventive intelligent isolation policy throughout the country in March 2020. Duque established the largest social protection network in Colombian history with the health sector's improvement. These measures were enhanced with fiscal responsibility, enabling the best economic performance in the region from an economic resilience point of view, as was related by several international organizations.