



## Patricia Espinosa | Class of 1987

Patricia Espinosa served as Executive Secretary of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) from 2016-2022. As Mexico's representative to several multilateral bodies and international organisations in Vienna, Geneva and New York, Ms Espinosa has been a vigorous advocate for human rights and gender equality, and a leader in the global fight against climate change and its consequences, including as President of the 16th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, which led to the adoption of the Cancún Agreements. Elected President of the Third Committee of the UN General Assembly in 1996, she played a key role in the process leading up to the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action at the Fourth World Conference on Women.



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Patricia Espinosa, Mexican Foreign Secretary at the time, attended a bilateral meeting in the private dining room of the White House in 2010 with President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and Mexican President Felipe Calderón.



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Salaheddine Mezouar, COP22 President and Morocco's Foreign Minister, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and UNFCCC Executive Secretary Patricia Espinosa meet in Marrakech for the 22nd COP.



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Women World Leaders at the COP26 Summit in Glasgow featuring, among others, Patricia Espinosa. Women are still under-represented in climate governance.

