

CURRICULUM VITAE

MARIA OSMARINA MARINA SILVA DE SOUZA VAZ DE LIMA

Minister for the Environment. Born in Rio Branco, Acre, on February 8, 1958. Married with four children.

EDUCATION

Teaching Degree in History, Federal University of Acre, 1985

MAIN ACTIVITIES

Political Representation

Minister for the Environment, 2003 -

Federal Senator, representative of the State of Acre, from the Partido dos Trabalhadores-PT (Workers' Party). Mandate from 1995 to 2002. Reelected in 2002 to the 2003-2010 mandate.

- Member of the Commission for Social Affairs (1999 to 2002) and the Commission for Education (1999 to 2002) of the Federal Senate;
- Alternate Member of the Commission for Economic Affairs (1999-2001), and the Commission for Constitution, Justice and Citizenship (1999-2002);
- Main bills introduced: Controlling access to biodiversity and knowledge of traditional populations; Creation of a 2% reserve from the States Participation Fund for those states that encompass federal protected areas and demarcated indigenous lands; Institution of the concept of social responsibility for governors; Reform of the country's budgetary structure, so that the amounts allocated to social expenditures are effectively applied to this area.

State Deputy, PT representative, 1990 to 1994.

Councilman in the municipality of Rio Branco, Acre, PT representative, 1988 to 1990.

Teaching

- Guest Lecturer in the History Department of the Federal University of Acre (Subject: History of America II), 1986;
- Lecturer of the History Refresher Course for Grade School Teachers, Federal University of Acre, 1986;

- Assistant in the Sociology Department, Federal University of Acre, 1982;
- High School teacher (Brazilian History), in the *Complexo Escolar de Ensino Médio*, Rio Branco, Acre, 1985 to 1987;
- High School teacher (Civics and Brazilian Political and Social Organization), in the *Centro Educacional e Cultural Meta*, Rio Branco, Acre, 1985.

Participation in courses and research projects

- "Methodology of Historical Research ", course, Federal University of Acre, 1981;
- "Formation of Leftist Organizations in Brazil ", course, Federal University of Acre, 1985;
- "Methodology and Techniques in Social Sciences ", course, Federal University of Acre, 1982;
- "History of Land Occupation in Acre 1903-1904", research project, Federal University of Acre, 1992;
- "Socioeconomic Factors of Migration and its Influence on Hansen's Disease in the State of Acre", Federal University of Acre, 1982.

Others

- National Secretary for Environment and Development of the PT (Workers' Party) (1995 to 1997);
- Member of the Editorial Board of the magazine *Esquerda 21*;
- Member of the *Centro de Trabalhadores da Amazônia* (Amazonian Workers Center) - CTA;
- Chairperson of the PT (Workers' Party) Municipal Committee for Rio Branco, Acre;
- Vice-coordinator of the Central Única dos Trabalhadores (Central Workers Union) - CUT in Acre, 1984/86.

HONORS AND TITLES

National

- Honored by the Bahia Legislative Assembly, March 16, 1995
- Honorary Citizen of the City of São Paulo, São Paulo Municipal Chamber, November 10, 1995
- Medal of the Municipal Legislative Order, awarded by the Belo Horizonte Municipal Chamber
- Woman of the Year – National Women's Council, Brazil - Rio de Janeiro, RJ, 1998
- Institution of the Marina Silva Prize, for the best paper on environment in the Geography Department of the State University of Vale do Acaraú, in Sobral, Ceará. This prize is awarded every year, since 1998, during Environment Week, in June.
- Prize of the Business Professional Women's Association – Brasília, DF, 1999
- *Verde Minas Brasil* Medal – Belo Horizonte, MG, 1999
- *Almirante Tamandaré* Medal – Brazilian Navy – Brasília, DF, 1999

- Jorge Marskell Prize – “In Defense of Water, Forest and their Inhabitants” – *Comissão Pastoral da Terra* (Pastoral Commission for Land) – Manaus, Amazonas, 1999
- *Dom Bosco* Order Medal – Regional Labor Court - Brasília/DF, 2000
- Honored by the National PT (Workers’ Party) during the Commemorations of the 20th Anniversary of the Party – São Paulo, SP, 2000
- FASE Prize – “Solidarity and Education” – Rio de Janeiro, RJ, 2001
- CREA Prize – Regional Architecture and Engineering Council – Rio de Janeiro, RJ, 2001
- TOP ECO Prize - Brazilian Association of Marketing and Sales Directors– ADMB – São Paulo, SP, 2001
- Order of the Legal Merit – Higher Labor Court – Brasília, DF, 2001
- Plaque and Honorary Member –Chico Mendes Foundation – Xapuri, Acre, 2001
- 2002 Carlito Maia Citizenship Prize, awarded by the magazine *Imprensa*, for outstanding work, in various sectors, in the fight for democracy and human rights. São Paulo, SP, 2002
- Chico Mendes Prize, awarded by the Ministry of Environment – Brasília, DF, 2002

International

- Chosen by “TIME” as one of the “Young People with a Future for the World” – New York, USA, 1995
- Goldman Environment Prize, as representative of Central and South Americas, San Francisco, USA, 1996
- Honored as one of “25 Women Leaders in Action in the Preservation of the Environment” – United Nations Environment Programme – UNEP – New York, USA, 1997
- Keys of the capital of the State of Texas, USA – Austin, 2000
- Woman of the Year – Ms. Magazine – USA , 1997