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Mr. Mejía Montalvo belongs to the Indigenous Zenú People of San Andres Sotavento. He is a Political Scientist from the National University of Colombia, with a Master's degree in Management of Development conferred by University of the Autonomous Regions of the Nicaraguan Caribbean Coast (URACCAN). He is a lecturer and consultant for different organizations and institutions. He is also a

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Mr. Mejía Montalvo is the leader of the National Indigenous Organization of Colombia (ONIC). From 2008 to 2012, Mr. Mejía served as ONIC Counselor of Education. Additionally, he is a former member of the Board of Directors of the Fund for the Development of Indigenous Peoples of Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Technical Secretary of the Permanent Dialogue Mechanisms between the National Government and the Indigenous Peoples of Colombia. In 2014, Mr. Mejía Montalvo coordinated the conclusion of the 1953 Decree, the Indigenous component of the National Development Plan. Additionally, he supported the “Fast Track” procedure within the framework of the Final Peace Accord.



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