

Mr. José Antonio BENGOA CABELLO
(Nominated by the Government of Chile)

19/01/1945

B.A. in Philosophy and Education (1967) and Postgraduate in Social Science and Anthropology in Chile and Argentina.

UN Human Rights activities :

Member of the Sub-Commission for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights for three periods. 1994-2006.

Chairman-Rapporteur of the Social Forum (2003-2006)

Coordinator-Rapporteur of the ad hoc Working Group on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty established by the Sub-Commission with a special mandate of the CHR. This WG presented its Final Report at the last meeting of the Sub-Commission in 2006. The HR Council submitted last year the draft Principles on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty for consultations.

Member of the UN Working Group on Minorities since its first session. 1995- 2006. Chairperson of the UN Working Group on Minorities. 2005- 2006. Organization and participation in La Ceiba meeting, Honduras, 2003, and in the last meeting on afro descendents held in Chincha, Perú, November 2005.

Participant in the Vienna Conference on Human Rights,(1993) in the Copenhagen Conference on Social Development, (1994), seminars, country visits, and other missions in Tanzania, Mali, South Africa, Zimbabwe, Morocco, Mauritius, Finland, India, and many others, specially Latino American countries.

Chairman of the UN Latin-American Preparatory meeting of the Durban World Conference on Racism, 2001. Participant in the Durban Conference. 2001

International Academic Activities.

Visiting professor at: National University of Mexico, UNAM (1980/81), the Catholic University of Perú, (PUC) (1974, 1975), the Catholic University of Ecuador, Quito (1977-78) Indiana University, Bloomington. USA. (1997), Cambridge University (UK) (1998), University of Paris II. IEHAL, Chair Pablo Neruda. France. 2003. Universidad Complutense. Madrid. 2000 to 2008. In all those cases the subject of the courses was Culture, Identities, Indigenous peoples, racism and related ethnic issues, poverty and HR.

National activities.

Professor at the School of Anthropology and the Academy of Christian Humanism University. Santiago, Chile. 1992 to 2008

Director of Research at the National Fund for Scientific and Technological Development (FONDECYT). Research Programme: Identity and Identities: the construction of diversity in Chile. 2000- 2008.

Chairman and member of the Directory of the National Foundation against poverty in Chile. 1996-2008.

Member of the National Commission on Historical Truth and a New Deal with the Indigenous peoples of Chile. 2000-2004. Nominated by the President of the Republic.

Member of the National Commission for the Bicentenary of the Republic of Chile. Nominated by the President of the Republic. 2000-2008.

National Director of the Special Commission for Indigenous Peoples in Chile, in charge of drafting a new indigenous law. 1990-1993.

Rector of the Christian Humanism Academy University. Santiago, Chile. 1996-2002.

Director of the School of Anthropology. UAHC. Santiago, Chile. 1992-1996.

President of the World University Service Committee in Chile. 1978-1991.

Director, President of the board, and researcher of the Center for Social Studies and Education, SUR, in Santiago, Chile, during the period 1978-1990, and researcher until date.

UN Documents.

Minorities and self determination. WGM. 2004.

Minorities. Existence and recognition. WGM. 2001.

Minorities and education. WGM. 1997.

Poverty and Human Rights. Reports of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Sub-Commission on extreme poverty and Human Rights. 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Income distribution and Human Rights. Reports from the Special rapporteur on Income Distribution and Human Rights. 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999.

Social Forum. Documents and reports of the Social Forum by the President Rapporteur, J. Bengoa, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005 and 2006.

Recent publications.

History of the mapuche people. Santiago. Chile. First edition. 1985. 7th edition, 2007. Editorial Sur and Editorial Lom.

The ancient mapuche of the South. Santiago. 2003. Catalonia Ed. Santiago. Second Edition. 2007. Literature award Santiago Municipality, 2004

The emergence of the indigenous peoples in Latin-America. Fondo de Cultura Económica. México/Santiago. 2000. Second edition, 2007

The history of a conflict. The mapuche people and the national state during the XX century. Planeta. Santiago. First edition, 2000, second edition, 2003, third edition, 2007.

The lost community. Essays on identity and culture. Santiago. 1996, 1999.

Inequalities. The Chilean society during the last decade. Santiago. 2001.

The re-claimed community. Memories, utopias and identity in the Chilean society. Santiago. 2006. Literature award of the Santiago Municipality, 2007

Selected activities, membership in associations, etc

National Award on tolerance and fight against racism. Chile. 2002.

Guggenheim Award. John Guggenheim Foundation. 2003.

Pablo Neruda Chair. Paris University. 2003.

Nantes. France. 2004. UNESCO Conference on the World Congress on Human Rights.

Languages.

Spanish, mother tongue

English (fluency in speaking, reading and writing)

French, (fluency in speaking, reading and writing)