



# Gabriela Sommerfeld R.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Human Mobility

## EXPERIENCE

Her credentials in the private and public sectors, her extensive experience promoting Ecuador worldwide, and her training place Minister Gabriela Sommerfeld at the helm of the Ecuadorian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, with an ideal profile, the leadership, and the ability to achieve the country's foreign policy goals.

She has distinguished herself as a prominent businesswoman in Quito; she is a pioneer in the airline sector, the hotel industry, and in supporting communities, entrepreneurship, and tourism in Ecuador.

Her professional career has developed in the productive sector. She was the first Ecuadorian woman to chair an airline in the region (Aerogal, which later merged with Avianca). She was the first female CEO of an airline in the Americas. Her successful tenure was included in the book "70 Women Who Inspire Generations of Aviation Professionals," published by the ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization).

She has been a member of the Charles Darwin Foundation and, in the private sector, has worked in the real estate, hotel, and renewable energy sectors.

She was named Businesswoman of the Year, appointed Vice President of the Quito Chamber of Commerce, and has served on the boards of Global Compact, Movich Hotels, and AmblnBev National Brewery. She was General Manager of Hotel Le Parc and, until 2022, CEO of Equair.

In the public sector, she served as a member of the Yasuni ITT Negotiating Team and was General Manager of Quito Tourism.

She has an MBA and degrees in Finance and Marketing. She also has extensive training in branding and teamwork and has been a speaker on topics such as markets, entrepreneurship, competitiveness, gender equity, leadership, and sustainable development.