

Marina Silva

Sustainability Network
(Rede Sustentabilidade)



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Date of Birth: 8 February, 1958 (age 60)

Hometown: Breu Velho, Acre

Education: History, Federal University of Acre; Psychoanalytic Theory, University of Brasília; Psycho-pedagogy, Catholic University of Brasília

Running mate: Eduardo Jorge - Green Party (PV)

Political History

Marina Silva is currently the **spokesperson** for the **Sustainability Network (Rede) party**, and is recognized domestically and globally as an environmental activist and leader, particularly on issues related to her native Amazon. After learning to read and write at the age of 16, she entered politics at a young age through her professional association and friendship with **environmentalist and human rights activist** Chico Mendes, and also became active in the rural syndicates in her home State of Acre. In 1984, Marina founded a local branch of the United Workers' Center (CUT) trade union in Acre. Five years later, she was elected as a **councilwoman** in Rio Branco, under the Workers' Party (PT). Marina subsequently held elected office as a **federal deputy** (1991-1994) and as a **senator** (2003-2009).

In 2003, Marina was named as the **Minister of the Environment** under the Lula administration. During her tenure as minister, Marina created and implemented the Plan of Action to Prevent and Control Deforestation (PPCDAm). After resigning from the ministry in 2008, Marina **ran for president in 2010** with the Green Party and **again in 2014** with the Brazilian Socialist Party. She finished in **third place** in both elections, with 19.3 percent and 21.3 percent, respectively.

Corruption

Marina has **never been charged** with corruption nor implicated in any corruption investigations.

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