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Architect and Master in Urban Design from the **University of Costa Rica**, with more than 17 years of experience in professional practice, university teaching, academic management, and quality assurance in higher education. She has extensive experience in the accreditation of academic programs, curriculum evaluation, continuous improvement, and project management, complemented by international training as an evaluator for **RIACES** and participation as an international observer in accreditation processes for Architecture programs for **ANPADEH, Mexico**. She is further strengthened by methodologies and practices for institutional evaluation. She has participated in specialized international forums and commissions focused on technical issues and national and international conferences, including Point 8. She has also served as an Advisor to the **College of Architects of Costa Rica** and as a Technical Delegate for the Costa Rica–Panama Biennial. Her experience in strategic planning, professional development, accreditation, and quality management is complemented by her current role as **Assistant for Professional Management and Architecture Program Manager**, contributing her expertise to the strengthening of accreditation and continuous improvement processes.

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- **[2022]** Master's Degree in Urban Design, University of Costa Rica.
- **[2009]** Licentiate Degree in Architecture, Universidad Creativa.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- **[2026]** SINAES Summit 2026 Workshop, *Co-creating Innovative, Sustainable, and Quality Higher Education*.
- **[2026]** Interuniversity Meeting of Quality Units: *Strategies for Accreditation of Academic Programs*, CONARE.
- **[2025]** International Diploma in Training and Professional Development of Peer Evaluators, RIACES (Ibero-American Network for Quality Assurance in Higher Education).
- **[2024]** Advanced Course in Architecture, Media, and Industry, focused on the challenges of teaching, research, and technological innovation in Architecture and the city.
- **[2023]** Teacher Training and Professional Development Program: *Digital Mediation in Learning Processes*.
- **[2022]** Course in Educational Mediation in Virtual Environments.
- **[2019]** Training in Teaching and Education, virtual training, AAPIA professional development.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **[2025–Present]** Agency for the Accreditation of Engineering and Architecture Programs.
- **[2021–2024]** Advisor, Technical Advisory Office, College of Architects of Costa Rica.
- **[2015–2020]** D21 – Sustainable Urbanism.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **[2024–Present]** University Professor, Universidad Veritas, LCV.
- **[2019–2022]** University Professor, University Institute of Costa Rica, FUNDATEC.
- **[2017–Present]** University Professor and Academic Coordinator, Universidad Internacional de las Américas, UIA.

PUBLICATIONS

- **[2024]** Guest contributor to *Webinars Hablemos de Arquitectura, La Enseñanza de la Arquitectura en el Primer Año*, La.Vi.car, Carmen Guerrero, U. Latina.
- **[2024]** Radio Nacional de Costa Rica – *Procesos Evolutivos Diseño Urbano en Costa Rica*.
- **[2023]** Radio Nacional de Costa Rica – *Proyección Invu Diseño Interior para tu Hogar*.
- **[2021–2024]** Moderator of various programs at the **College of Architects of Costa Rica** on topics related to the profession and academia.

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