

GOVERNOR TARSO GENRO

Tarso Fernando Herz Genro was born in São Borja, Rio Grande do Sul, on March 6th, 1947. He graduated in Law from the Law School of the Federal University of Santa Maria, Rio Grande do Sul, having specialized in Labor Law.

Has started his political career in 1968, being elected city councilor of Santa Maria from the only oppositionist party at that time, MDB (Brazilian Democratic Movement).

As a lawyer, he has represented trade unions and professional associations. Mr. Genro has published several books in Law, Politics and Literature. Some of his works were published in France, Spain, Turkey, United States, Uruguay, Mexico, Peru, Portugal and Italy.

Elected Vice-Mayor of Porto Alegre with the support of Frente Popular (a coalition of parties), in 1988, and has also held the position of Government Secretary.

Federal representative at the Brazilian congress from the end of 1989 to 1990.

Mayor of Porto Alegre from 1993 to 1996 and from 2001 to 2002.

Invited professor at the University of Andaluzia, Spain (1998).

Member of the Institute of Brazilian Lawyers.

Elected Member of the National Academy of Labor Law, in April 2009.

Has integrated the government of former Brazilian President Lula, at first as Head of the Special Department of the Economic and Social Development Council (2003).

Has been the Brazilian Minister of Education in 2004 -2005.

Has been the National President of the Workers' Party (2005).

Has been Chief Minister of the National Department of Institutional Relations of the Presidency (2006).

Brazilian Minister of Justice from 2007 until February 2010.

Mr. Tarso Genro is currently the Governor of the State of Rio Grande do Sul (2011).