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Our world faces an unprecedented environmental crisis. We have lost more than 70% of wildlife in the last fifty years; at the current rate of deforestation, in less than a decade the Amazon will become a net emitter of greenhouse gases; rising sea levels threaten entire cities; frequent natural disasters resulting from extreme weather events wipe out lives indiscriminately.

Latin America and the Caribbean have a predominant role to play in mitigating this crisis, as they possess the greatest concentration of biodiversity on the planet, the main sources of fresh water, the Amazon biome and an unquantifiable wealth of coral reefs, among others. Aware of this reality, Iván Duque sets out in these pages a roadmap for the countries of the region - with realistic, bankable, replicable, scalable and sustainable strategies - to join efforts that will enable short, medium and long-term solutions.

The era of speeches and promises is over. To save the planet, concrete actions are needed and they must be implemented now.

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Presidente de Colombia en el período 2018-2022. En el pasado, se desempeñó como senador de la República; jefe de la División de Cultura, Creatividad y Solidaridad del Banco Interamericano de Desarrollo (BID); asesor del Departamento de Asuntos Políticos de las Naciones Unidas, y consejero principal por Colombia en la Junta Directiva del BID, entre otros. Es autor de más de 9 libros, ha sido columnista en varios medios de comunicación y profesor universitario.

Ha sido reconocido con las más altas condecoraciones en múltiples países, incluidas el Premio Theodore Roosevelt a la Conservación, otorgado por la prestigiosa International Conservation Caucus Foundation (ICCF); el Premio Woodrow Wilson al Servicio Público Global, y el Premio al Liderazgo Planetario 2022, otorgado por National Geographic. Está casado con María Juliana Ruiz y tienen 3 hijos: Luciana, Matías y Eloisa.

A Colombian social innovator and philanthropist. He holds distinguished fellowships with the Bezos Earth Fund, Woodrow Wilson Center, and World Resources Institute. He is a board member of the Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi) and fulfills a role as a Transformational Leadership Fellow at the Oxford University Blavatnik School of Government. Additionally, Duque contributes to Conservation International's board and the Africa Carbon Markets Initiative's steering committee, alongside his role as an ambassador for the Campaign for Nature.

He currently leads the Concordia Amazon Initiative and has been named a Distinguished Fellow at both, the FIU Adam Smith Center and the Cornell University Emerging Markets Institute. He also serves on the McKinsey Sustainability Advisory Council.

At 41, Duque was elected as the President of Colombia for the term of 2018-2022. In office, he was instrumental in expanding Colombia's protected areas from 13% to over 30%, driving the transition to renewable energy sources, and spearheading the Pact for Leticia. These achievements earned him the National Geographic's Planetary Leadership Award and the Theodore Roosevelt Institute's International Conservation Award.

Duque is recognized as one of Latin America's leading lecturers and consultants on sustainability and geopolitics, with a bibliography of over ten published books.