



## Ernst Bergen

**BUSINESSMAN**

**RECORD ELECTRIC S.A.E.C.A.**



Ernst was born on October 5, 1963 in Philadelphia Fernheim, Paraguayan Chaco.

After finishing high school, he graduated as an agromechanical technician in 1981 at the Agromechanical School of Caacupe.

He continued his studies in Business Administration at Columbia University in Asunción, beginning his career in the business world.

Founded and supported several companies with the help and collaboration of other young entrepreneurs.

In 1997, Record Electric SAECA, (Ernst is the majority shareholder), was highlighted as the best company of the year by ADEC. (Association of Christian Entrepreneurs).

At the age of 39, he was invited by paraguayan President-elect, Dr. Nicanor Duarte Frutos, to assume the post of Minister of Industry and Trade since August 15, 2003.

After 21 months, he was invited to assume the position of Minister of Finance from 2005 to 2007.

In both ministerial positions he participated in the financial and economic recovery of the country.

In 2008 he published the book "A Leap into the Unknown", telling some experiences of his foray into politics.

From 2009 to 2015 he was Treasurer of the Mennonite World Conference, based in Strasbourg, France.

He was president of the Council of FAHCE (Facultad de Humanidades y Ciencias de la Educación) in Asunción for 15 years and presided over important reforms in Paraguay's largest prison through the church.

He participated as founder of the Red Chaqueña de Comunicaciones (Radio and TV) in Chaco (Western Paraguay).

He founded two schools for low-income children, one in Estanzuela, Aregua, Dpto Central and the other in the chaco countryside, La Gracia, which houses more than 500 students.

During a political crisis at Itaipu Binacional, Ernst was invited to assume the position of Paraguayan Director General, where he carried out profound reforms from July 2019 to January 2021.

To learn, advise and support companies, and also to be present in social projects, with an emphasis on education, is one of his great passions.