

Miguel ARIAS CAÑETE

Born on 24th of February 1950, in Madrid
Married with three children

EDUCATION

- Studied at the Jesuit School of Madrid, 1957-1967
- Law Degree at the University Complutense of Madrid, 1971
- Enters the State Attorney Body, 1974

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- State Attorney in the Government legal Service in Ceuta, Cádiz and Jerez de la Frontera, 1975-1982
- Civil Law Professor at the University of Jerez de la Frontera, 1979-1982
- European Law Professor in courses organized by the Spanish Legal Service and the Ministry for European Affairs of the Spanish Government, 1981-1984
- State Attorney in the Government legal Service in Cádiz and Jerez de la Frontera, 1999-2000
- Lawyer in practice by the Bar Association of Ceuta and Jerez de la Frontera, 1978-2000 y 2005-2011
- President of the Petrolífera Ducar S.L. and Petrologis Canarias SL management boards, 2005-2011
- Member of the Administrative Board of Bami Newco 2009-2011

POLITICAL EXPERIENCE

- Member of the People's Party (former Alianza Popular); since 1980
- Representative for the Cadiz District in the Andalusian Parliament, 1982-1986
- Senator representing Cadiz in the Spanish Senate; President of the Budget Committee in the Spanish Senate, 1982-1986
- Member of the European Parliament, (member of the Agriculture, Fisheries, Budget and Regional Development Committees), 1986-1999; President of the Fisheries Committee, 1995-1997, President of the Regional Development Committee, 1997- 1999
- Member of the City Council of Jerez de la Frontera, 2000
- Senator representing Cadiz in the Spanish Senate, 2000-2004
- Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, 2000-2004
- Representative for the Cadiz district in the Spanish Congress; Member of the Economic and Industry Committees; Spokesperson of the People's Party in the Economic Committee, 2004-2008
- Executive Secretary on Economic and Employment affairs of the People's Party; 2004-2008
- Member of the Executive Committee of the People's Party (former Alianza Popular) de 1983-1989 y 2004-2014
- Representative for the Madrid district in the Spanish Congress, 2008-2014; President of the Joint Committee for the European Union; Member of the Economic and Industry committees 2008-2011
- President of the Electoral Committee of the People's Party, 2008-2011
- Minister for Agriculture, Food and Environment, 2011-2014
- Member of the European Parliament, (member of the Budgetary Control, Constitutional Affairs and Fisheries Committees), since 2014

AWARDS

- Grand Cross of The Royal and Distinguished Spanish Order of Charles III, 2004

- Grand Cross of the Order of Civil Merit, 2011

Languages

- **Spanish:** Native Speaker
- **English:** High Level written and spoken
- **French:** High Level written and spoken
- **German:** Basic Knowledge