

## Esteban Valenzuela Van Treek

Minister of Agriculture of the Republic of Chile (March 2022 – today)

## **Education and working experience**

- Journalist.
- Master's in political science from the Pontifical Catholic University of Chile (PUC).
- Master's in development from the University of Wisconsin, United States.
- Doctor in Contemporary History from the University of Valencia, Spain.
- Consultant on local and rural development for GIZ on: Guatemala, Colombia, Paraguay and the Dominican Republic.

## **Previous political positions**

- Founder and vice president of the Social Green Regionalist Front Party (FRVS).
- Mayor of Rancagua (1992-1996).
- Vice president of the Chilean Association of Municipalities.
- Member of the Parliament for District No.32 (O'Higgins Region) in two consecutive periods, between 2010 and 2022.
- President of the Decentralization Commission (created by Michelle Bachelet in 2014).

## Personal and other professional activity

- Academic
- Regionalist
- Environmentalist activist
- Writer (Where his youth novel, Pichilemu Blues, and books on development and political analysis stand out)
- Was born on March 12, 1964, Rancagua, Chile.