



Mr. Antonio Morales Méndez

Antonio Morales Méndez was born in Agüimes in 1956. After finishing high school in his home town (he first studied at Hermanos La Salle and later on at "Joaquín Artiles"), he graduated in Geography and History and specialized in Art History at La Laguna University.

Nowadays being the President of the Gran Canaria Island Council, he was mayor of Agüimes between 1987 and 2015 for the Roque Aguayro independent party. He was founding president of the Mancomunidad del Sureste de Gran Canaria association. During his political career and institutional representation, both locally and in the Mancomunidad de municipios (Commonwealth of Municipalities), to which he belongs since 1990, his work and that of his team have been acknowledged with a range of awards and distinctions by both national and international organizations, such as the Spanish Federation of Municipalities and Provinces or FEMP, the UN, the Government of the Canary Islands, and so on. In the last few years, he has been especially relevant in defending the implementation of renewable energies in the Canary Islands and has been a member of Gran Canaria's Plataforma Por Un Nuevo Modelo Energético (Platform for a New Energy Model) and the Fundación Renovables (Renewable Energy Foundation).

He has published five books: Reflexiones Compartidas (Shared Reflections), Nos Faltan Luces. Reflexiones sobre un nuevo modelo energético (We Are in the Dark. Reflections on a New Energy Model), Tiempos difíciles. Apuntes para repensar la democracia (Challenging Times. Notes on rethinking democracy), Energía, poder y clima (Energy, Power and Climate) and Los caminos de una isla que se llama Gran Canaria (The Ways of an Island Called Gran Canaria), as well as numerous articles in different media and specialized magazines.

Honorary Economist of the Colegio de Economistas (Economists Association) in Las Palmas for his achievements and his projects in favor of sustainable development.