



### **Mr. Augusto Hidalgo Macario**

He was born in Las Palmas de Gran Canaria in 1972. He studied at the Jaime Balmes School, and he became interested in politics at a very young age. When he was only 14 years old, studying his first year of high school, he participated in a school strike that got him temporarily expelled from the school.

Two years later, he began to play a more active role in the student movement, first participating in the creation of the Assembly of Middle School Students of Gran Canaria, and later on in the creation of the Sindicato de Estudiantes Canarios (Canarian Students Union).

He graduated in Political Science and Sociology, and obtained a Master's Degree in Occupational Risk Prevention, and another degree in Training of Trainers.

His remained socially committed to the environmental movement, and to labor unionism in CC.OO. At roughly the same time, he joined the ICU party, before it was integrated into the extinct ICAN party, and then joined the IU party. As a member of the latter, he headed the list for the Spanish Congress in the general elections of 2000.

Years later, he left IU and, after spending some time working in the private sector, he resumed his political activities by joining the PSC-PSOE party, registering as a member of the Juan Rodríguez Doreste Group of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria.

He participated in the candidacy with which Jerónimo Saavedra ran in the municipal elections of 2007 and was elected councilor, which is why he was part of that group of government in the City Council of Las Palmas de Gran Canaria. Between 2007 and 2011 he served as councilman of Employment and Human Resources.

Subsequently, he became a member of the team led by Carolina Darías to the Gran Canaria Island Council, institution in which he was a Socialist councilman engaged in opposition tasks until June 2015.