



Executive Bios

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Mr. Pedro E. Suarez serves as President of Latin America region and Commercial Vice President of Latin America Performance Chemicals for Dow Chemical Co. Mr. Suarez is leveraged to the Basic Plastics and Chemicals portfolio with sales responsibilities for Basic Chemicals in Latin America. In 2000, Mr. Suarez served as a Area Commercial Vice President for the Polyolefins & Elastomers Business Group in Europe, Middle East and Africa, and he was responsible as Country Manager of Spain and Portugal in 2002. He held both roles until 2004, when he assumed the North American Commercial Vice Presidency for the Plastics business portfolio of Dow Chemical Company. He joined Latex TS&D in Argentina in 1979. In March 1984, he served as a Product Market Manager for Urethanes and Latex. In 1986, he was transferred to Latin America Headquarters in Coral Gables and served as a Specialty Plastics & Emulsion Polymers Product Sales Manager. Two years later, he served as a Marketing Manager and in January 1990, he served as a Business Manager for Performance Products. He also served as a Area Business Manager for Emulsion Polymers and Brazil Performance Products Manager in 1993. He also served as a Business Director for Emulsion Polymers and later Commercial Director for Specialty Chemicals & Emulsion Polymers, for Latin America in October 1996. Mr. Suarez is a Board Member of the American Plastics Council (APC). He earned his Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the Universidad Tecnologica Nacional in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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Today Manager of the Inter-American Development Bank's Office of Outreach and Partnerships, Mr. Guillamon has supported private sector development at the IDB since 1992. In his current role, he forges partnerships to support the Bank's evolving development agenda. Previously, he led its Integration and Trade Sector, developing its portfolio of loans and grants to expand trade and regional integration in Latin America and the Caribbean. Prior to joining the Bank, Mr Guillamon worked in agribusiness with small, large and multinational companies. He graduated as an Agricultural Engineer from Uruguay's Universidad de la República, and holds an MBA from Santa Clara University in California. He has completed additional graduate courses in business valuation, international trade, and more at New York University, Johns Hopkins University, Harvard University and the University of California, Berkeley.

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Ricardo Sánchez is an economist with specialization in Regional Development (1996, Universidad de los Andes) and an MSc in Sustainable Agriculture (1998) from the University of London (Wye / Imperial College). Ricardo has over 15 years of experience in agricultural development issues, sustainable agriculture and public policies. Since January 2013, he is the Food Security Director for Latin America. Previously, he was working as Colombia's Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development (August 2010- January 2013), as the General Secretary of the Agricultural Society of Colombia (November 2004-May 2013) and as the Sectorial Policy Director at the Ministry of Agriculture in Colombia (August 2002-November 2004).