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EDUCATION

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF INTERNATIONAL & PUBLIC AFFAIRS - SIPA

MPA, Master of Public Administration in Development Practice, New York, NY, 2013

UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES

MS, Master in Economics, Bogota, Colombia, 2008

Concentration: Macroeconomics | Economic history

UNIVERSIDAD DE LOS ANDES

BS, Industrial Engineering, Bogota, Colombia, 2007

Concentration: Business | Finance

EXPERIENCE

DOS OCEANOS CAPITAL

Bogota, Colombia, Jun. 2023 – to date

FOUNDING PARTNER

- DosOceanos Capital is a recently created Colombian investment banking firm in which its partners have more than 20 years of experience in the finance, infrastructure, housing, water, energy, and government sectors in Colombia and abroad. DosOceanos has recently signed a strategic partnership with Torino-Ecija Capital (NYC-Spain based Investment Banking Firm) to cover all the Investment Banking operations in Latin America and the Caribbean.

WORLD BANK GROUP

South East Asia (focus), May. 2023 – to date

LOW CARBON CITY PROGRAM, CONSULTANT

- Support the leading team to expand the program into new markets, tap into new potential partners/funders and supervise the structuring process (technical, legal and financial) of the potential transactions, with a particular emphasis on solutions on GHG mitigation across sectors.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING, CITIES AND TERRITORY

Bogota, Colombia, Aug. 2018 – Sep. 2022

VICEMINISTER OF WATER AND SANITATION

- Report to the President of the Republic and to the Minister of Housing, Cities and Territory, and lead and promote the formulation and implementation of policies, programs, projects, and regulation for improving access to drinking water and basic sanitation in the country.
- Main achievements: Supervise the execution of nearly 800 water and sanitation infrastructure projects throughout the country valued in more than USD2.5billion. Lead the formulation and implementation of sector response strategies against Covid19 and the economic recovery. Conceive, develop, and execute sector policy programs and new regulatory frameworks to expand water access, to improve access for the rural areas and informal settlements, increase wastewater treatment, promote waste treatment and circular economy, the agglomeration of utilities, the adoption of corporate governance guidelines, and the use of public-private partnerships for infrastructure financing and environmental rates for the conservation of water sources.
- Board Member: Chairman of the Drinking Water Regulatory Commission (CRA); Board Member of the Colombian Geological Service; Board Member of the National Disaster Risk Management Unit (UNGRD); Board Member of the National Enterprise for Territorial Development (EnTerritorio).

WORLD BANK GROUP

Washington, DC, Jul. 2013 – Aug. 2018

URBAN DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST, CONSULTANT

Social, Urban, Rural and Resilience Global Practice

- Led and supported policy dialogue, lending operations, technical assistance, and research activities in the areas of urban development, housing and infrastructure finance, land value capture instruments, and city competitiveness. Country experience included Argentina, Bolivia, Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jordan, Mexico, Morocco, Nicaragua and Panama.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment (CCSI)

New York, NY, Apr. 2012 – May. 2013

- Member of a team led by Prof. Jeffrey Sachs providing advice to the Government of Paraguay in the analysis of investments to leverage hydropower for industrial development; Responsible for developing a public/private investment plan for the Nacala Corridor in the north of Mozambique.

Institute for Latin American Studies (ILAS)

New York, NY, Sep. 2012 – Apr. 2013

- Provided research assistance and analytical support to Prof. Gabriel Negretto to evaluate legal mechanisms for citizens' participation, constitutional control, and popular control based on the constitutions of 18 Latin American countries.

UNITED NATIONS CENTRE FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (UNCRD) *Bogota, Colombia, Aug. 2008 – Aug. 2011*

OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

- Supported and advised urban-regional integration initiatives in Colombia, including the regional integration processes of Bogota – Cundinamarca (*Mesa de Planificación Regional, Región Capital*) and the Caribbean Corridor (Santa Marta-Barranquilla-Cartagena).

COLOMBIAN TRUST OF FOREIGN TRADE (FIDUCOLDEX) *Bogota, Colombia, Jan–Aug. 2008*

SECURITIZATION ANALYST

- Developed a scheme to manage a securitization program of a commercial portfolio from the Colombian Entrepreneurial Development Bank (Bancoldex) valued in USD\$150mm. Provided analytical support on the issuance of securities, back and front office operation, the role of public and private stakeholders, and the long-term sustainability of the operation.

AWARDS & ADDITIONAL STUDIES

WHARTON HOUSING FINANCE WORKSHOP | U. OF PENNSYLVANIA

Washington, DC, Mar. 2018

One week workshop on housing finance

COLFUTURO BENEFICIARY

Bogota, Colombia, Jun. 2009 – May. 2011

Scholarship-loan program awarded to highly qualify students pursuing post-graduate studies abroad

GOVERNANCE, POLICY AND PUBLIC MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Bogota, Colombia, Jan. – Nov. 2009

Ten-month program by U. del Rosario, George Washington University & the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)

INTERNATIONAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Prague, Czech Republic, Jan. 2005

One week youth forum for young leaders on world politics, international relations and justice.

INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Marseille, France, Jun. – Dec. 2004

Seven-month program by Euromed Ecole de Management & Universidad de Los Andes

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY. TEACHING ASSISTANT

New York, NY, Fall 2012

Nonprofit Management, Revenue Generation, and Social Enterprise Start Up. School of International & Public Affairs

LANGUAGES

- Fluent in Spanish (native) and English. High fluency in French

PUBLICATIONS

EDITOR, AUTHOR & CONTRIBUTOR

- Ministerio de Vivienda, Ciudad y Territorio & Programa de las Naciones Unidas para el Desarrollo (2021). Ministerio de Vivienda, Ciudad y Territorio: una década construyendo país. Bogotá. ISBN 978-958-57464-5-9. *Contribuyente*
- Colombia. Ministerio de Vivienda, Ciudad y Territorio. Plan Nacional de Manejo de Aguas Residuales PMAR 2020-2050 – 1ra. Ed/Viceministerio de Agua y Saneamiento Básico (Ed.). Bogotá, D.C. Colombia, Ministerio de Vivienda, Ciudad y Territorio. 202260p ISBN DIGITAL: 978-958-57464-9-7. *Co-Autor*
- Colombia. Ministerio de Vivienda, Ciudad y Territorio. Colombia Azul: El Futuro del Agua Potable a 2030 – 1ra Ed. / Viceministerio de Agua y Saneamiento Básico (Ed.) Bogotá, D.C. Colombia. Ministerio de Vivienda, Ciudad y Territorio, 2021. ISBN DIGITAL: 978-958-57464-7-3. *Co-Autor*
- Lall, Somik, Ayah Mahgoub, Augustin Maria, Anastasia Touati, and Jose Luis Acero, eds. 2019. Leveraging Urbanization to Promote a New Growth Model While Reducing Territorial Disparities in Morocco. International Development in Focus. Washington, DC: World Bank. ISBN: 978-1-4648-1433-4. *Co-Editor*
- Hamilton, Ellen; Mints, Victor; Acero Vergel, Jose Luis; Ababsa, Myriam; Tammaa, Waad; Xiao, Yuan; Molfetas-Lygkariis, Aris; Wille, John R.. 2018. Jordan - Housing Sector Assessment - Housing Sector Review (English). Washington, D.C. : World Bank Group. <http://documents.worldbank.org/curated/en/855101555960778525/Jordan-Housing-Sector-Assessment-Housing-Sector-Review>. *Co-Autor*
- Maria, Augustin, Jose Luis Acero, Ana I. Aguilera, and Marisa Garcia Lozano, eds. 2017. Central America Urbanization Review: Making Cities Work for Central America. Directions in Development. Washington, DC: World Bank. doi:10.1596/978-1-4648-0985-9. *Co-Editor*
- Nunez, Angelica, Jose Luis Acero. 2016. Financing Infrastructure for Urban Redevelopment. Creating the First Latin American Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Instrument. Paper prepared for presentation at the “2016 World Bank Conference on Land and Poverty” The World Bank - Washington DC, March 14-18, 2016. *Co-Autor*
- World Bank. Group 2015. Competitive Cities for Jobs and Growth: What, Who and How. Washington, DC: World Bank. *Contributor*
- World Bank Group 2015. What Makes a Sustainable City? Washington, DC: World Bank. *Contributor*
- World Bank. Group 2014. Colombia Policy Notes: Toward Sustainable Peace, Poverty Eradication and Shared Prosperity. Washington, DC: World Bank. *Co-Autor Chapter 5: Policy Note on Urban Development*
- Columbia Center on Sustainable Investment - CCSI. 2013. Leveraging Paraguay’s Hydropower for Sustainable Economic Development. New York, NY. CCSI at Columbia University. *Contributor*
- United Nations. 2011. La sostenibilidad del desarrollo a 20 años de la Cumbre para la Tierra: Avances, brechas y lineamientos estratégicos para América Latina y el Caribe. Paper prepared for the “UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Río+20)”. Rio de Janeiro June 22 - July 22, 2012. *Contributor*
- UNCRD, INTA (United Nations Centre for Regional Development, International Urban Development Association) 2010. Una ‘lectura’ de la región capital desde la óptica de la seguridad territorial y la adaptación al cambio climático. Informe final del “Panel Internacional para el Fortalecimiento de la Dimensión Regional, Fiscal y Tributaria en el Ordenamiento Territorial de la Región Capital Bogotá-Cundinamarca”. Bogota Mayo 31 a Junio 3, 2010. Bogotá, Colombia. [en línea] . *Co-Autor*
- UNCRD, INTA (United Nations Centre for Regional Development, International Urban Development Association). 2010. Informe Final del “Panel Internacional sobre Integración Regional y Ordenamiento Territorial para la Región Caribe”. Barranquilla, Colombia. Junio 5-10, 2010. Bogotá, Colombia. [en línea] <https://www.scribd.com/document/38705033/Informe-Panel-Caribe> . *Co-Autor*
- UNCRD (United Nations Centre for Regional Development). 2009. Human Security in Bogota-Cundinamarca. Bogota, Colombia. UNCRD. *Contributor*
- Concejo Privado de Competitividad. 2007. Informe Nacional de Competitividad 2007. Bogota, Colombia. *Contributor*