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# PROGRAM

Wednesday, March 15th, 2023

<p><b>09:00-09:30</b></p> <p><b>30 min.</b></p>	<p>Opening Plenary Session</p> <p>Presenter: Javier DAVILA TORRES, General Director, Cooperation Policy, Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), MX</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Marcelo Luis EBRARD CASAUBÓN, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, MX</li><li>2. KOMIYAMA Hiroshi, Chairman, STS forum, JP 3. KAWADA Mio, Executive Vice President, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), JP</li><li>3. KAWADA Mio, Executive Vice President, Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), JP</li><li>4. Carlos SLIM DOMIT, Chairman of the Board, America Movil, MX</li><li>5. Edmundo DE ALBA ALCARAZ, Nobel Peace Prize 2007 - Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Laureate, MX</li></ol>
<p><b>09:30-10:10</b></p> <p><b>40 min.</b></p>	<p>Plenary Session:</p> <p>“Science and Technology for Disaster Risk Management”</p> <p>Chair: Claudia HERRERA MELGAR, Executive Director, Coordination Center for Disaster Prevention in Central America and the Dominican Republic (CEPREDENAC), GT</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Juan Carlos DÍAZ GARMENDIA, CEO, INBIODROID, MX</li><li>2. Juan Manuel ESPINOSA ARANDA, General Director, Seismic Recording and Instrumentation Center, MX</li></ol>

	<p><b>3.</b> Enrique GUEVARA ORTÍZ, Director General, National Center for Disaster Prevention, MX</p> <p><b>4.</b> IWASAKI Eiji, Vice President, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), JP</p>
<b>10:10-10:30</b>	Networking Break
<b>10:30-11:30</b>  <b>60 min.</b>	<p>Plenary Session: “Social Dimension of Science and Technology Development”</p> <p>Chair: Alejandro ADEM, President, Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC), CA</p> <p><b>1.</b> Juan ENRÍQUEZ CABOT, Managing Director, Excel Venture Management, US</p> <p><b>2.</b> Shivani SIROYA, CEO, Tala, US</p> <p><b>3.</b> Arturo REYES SANDOVAL, Director General, National Polytechnic Institute, MX</p> <p><b>4.</b> Mateo VALERO, Founder and Director, Barcelona Supercomputer Centre, ES</p>
<b>11:45-13:15</b>  <b>90min.</b>	<p>Concurrent Sessions</p> <p><u><a href="#">A. Health</a></u></p> <p>Innovation in Health</p> <p>Chair: Ethan DMITROVSKY, Director of the Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research and president of Leidos Biomedical Research, US</p> <p><b>1.</b> Oswaldo Bernal CARMONA, General Manager Mexico, Bristol-Myers Squibb Mexico, MX</p> <p><b>2.</b> Raquel DE ANDRADE LIMA COELHO, Deputy Director of Science and Technology, National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), BR</p> <p><b>3.</b> MATSUMOTO Yoichiro, Science and Technology Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, JP</p> <p><b>4.</b> Arcadi NAVARRO, Director, EGA European Genome-Phenome Archive, ES</p>

### B. Transition to Clean Energy

#### Mobility

Chair: Diana PAEZ, Senior Director of Mobility and Energy at the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan, US

1. Marcus BAUR, President of the Bocar Group, MX
2. Rodrigo Salcedo CAMPINO, Manager of Electromobility, Technology E-Mobility, Emasa, CL
3. Roberto GOTTFRIED, Co-founder & CEO Megaflux, MX
4. Julio Erick JIMÉNEZ JUÁREZ, CEO BIMBO - Moldex, MX

### C. Climate Change and the Environment

#### Food, Water and Energy Nexus

Chair: Martha DELGADO, Undersecretary for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights, MX

1. Jan HEINVIRTA, Co-Founder & CEO Perfekto, MX
2. Blas L. PÉREZ HENRÍQUEZ, Founder and Director of the California-Global Energy, Water & Infrastructure Innovation Initiative at Stanford University, US
3. Iván ORTIZ MONASTERIO, Senior Scientist, CIMMYT, MX
4. Eduardo MEZO, Founder and CEO, PlantSquad

### D. Nurturing Startup Ecosystem

#### Smart and Resilient Cities

Chair: Carlos ANAYA RODRÍGUEZ, CEO, Parkimovil, MX

1. Sergio ALCOCER, President, COMEXCI, MX

	<p><b>2.</b> Caterine CASTILLO, CEO, Neivor, MX</p> <p><b>3.</b> KONO Masahiko, CEO, Mitsubishi de Mexico, SA de CV; former President, Cámara Japonesa de Comercio e Industria de México, A.C., MX</p>
<p><b>13:15-14:45</b></p>	<p>Networking Lunch</p>
<p><b>14:45-16:15</b></p> <p><b>90 min.</b></p>	<p><u>A. Health</u></p> <p>Health Science for Society</p> <p>Chair: HAMAGUCHI Michinari, Director General, Strategic Center of Biomedical Advanced Vaccine Research and Development for Preparedness and Response (SCARDA), Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development (AMED), JP</p> <p><b>1.</b> Gabriela DÁVILA, Head of Europe, Canada and Latin America Pfizer, US</p> <p><b>2.</b> Maria HAHN, CEO and Founder, Nutrix, CH</p> <p><b>3.</b> Luis Alonso HERRERA, Dean, Tec de Monterrey's School of Medicine and Health Sciences, MX</p> <p><b>4.</b> David KERSHENOBICH, Medical specialist, Gastroenterology, National Nutrition Institute of Mexico, MX</p> <p><u>B. Transition to Clean Energy</u></p> <p>Alternative Energies</p> <p>Chair: Najmedin MESHKATI, University of South California, US</p> <p><b>1.</b> Cintia ANGULO, Executive Director, World Energy Council, Mexico Chapter A.C., MX</p> <p><b>2.</b> Adan RAMIREZ SANCHEZ, Co-founder and CEO, Greenfluidics, MX</p> <p><b>3.</b> Dylan ROMAN, CEO of REC (Reinicia el Ciclo), MX</p>



	<p><b>4.</b> Bruno SUZART, Country Manager, Shizen Energy Group in Brazil, BR</p> <p><u>C. Climate Change and the Environment</u></p> <p>Impact on Vulnerable Groups and Adaptation to Climate Change</p> <p>Chair: Cherry A. MURRAY, Deputy Director for Research, Biosphere2 and Professor of Physics, University of Arizona, US</p> <p><b>1.</b> Porfirio ÁLVAREZ-TORRES, Executive Secretary, Consortium of Marine Research Institutions of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean, MX</p> <p><b>2.</b> Christopher CORDOVA, CEO, AI for Climate, MX</p> <p><b>3.</b> Arturo GONZALEZ GONZALEZ, Director of the Desert Museum, MX</p> <p><u>D. Nurturing Startup Ecosystem</u></p> <p>Financial Inclusion</p> <p>Chair: Lorenza MARTINEZ, CEO Banco Actinver, MX</p> <p><b>1.</b> Adolfo BABATZ, Founder &amp; CEO of Clip, MX</p> <p><b>2.</b> Raphael KAPPELER, Co-Founder and CEO, Reworth, CH</p> <p><b>3.</b> Lorena SÁNCHEZ, CEO of Billioneurons, MX</p>
<p><b>16:25-17:25</b></p> <p><b>60 min.</b></p>	<p>Plenary Session: "Knowledge in practice: Challenges in Latin America [Intellectual Property Rights – Going the full cycle]"</p> <p>Chair: Becky Aguila-Alvarez de SAENZ, Executive Director, Medical Alliance for Health, MX</p> <p><b>1.</b> Estuardo AGUILAR-CORDOVA, Founder and Director, Candel Therapeutics, Inc., US</p> <p><b>2.</b> MOCHIZUKI Yasunori, NEC Fellow, NEC Corporation, JP</p>

	<p><b>3.</b> Gorka ORIVE, Full Professor of Pharmacy, University of the Basque Country, ES</p>
<p><b>17:25-18:25</b></p> <p><b>60 min.</b></p>	<p>Plenary Session: "How to accelerate Science and Technology based entrepreneurship in Latin America and the Caribbean"</p> <p>Chair: María ARIZA, General Director, Institutonal Stock Market BIVA, MX</p> <p><b>1.</b> Pierpaolo BARBIERI, Founder and CEO, Ualá, AR</p> <p><b>2.</b> Guillermo TORRE AMIONE, Vice President of Research, Tecnológico de Monterrey, MX</p> <p><b>3.</b> Ricardo WEDER, Founder and CEO, Jüsto, MX</p>
<p><b>18:25-19:15</b></p> <p><b>50 min.</b></p>	<p>Closing Plenary Session</p> <p>Chair: Laura Elena CARRILLO, Executive Director, Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), MX</p> <p><b>1.</b> Marcelo Luis EBRARD CASAUBÓN, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, MX</p> <p><b>2.</b> HAYASHI Yoshimasa, Minister, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, JP</p> <p><b>3.</b> Javier DAVILA TORRES, General Director, Cooperation Policy, Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID), MX</p> <p><b>4.</b> FUJIKI Kanji, Executive Director, Science and Technology in Society forum (STS forum), JP</p> <p><b>5.</b> Andrey ZARUR, CEO, Greenlight Bio, MX</p>



## Marcelo Luis EBRARD CASAUBON

*Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Mexico*

He was undersecretary of Foreign Relations (1993-1994) before being elected as a federal deputy for the LVII Legislature of the Congress of the Union of Mexico (1997-2000).

He was elected as head of Government of the Federal District (mayor of Mexico City) for the period 2006 - 2012, where he expanded social programs for marginalized communities, formed a progressive environmental policy, improved urban mobility and strengthened the cosmopolitan identity of Mexico City, receiving the 2010 Best Mayor of the World Award for these achievements.

He chaired the Global Network of Safer Cities of UN-Habitat, advising local authorities on urban security and promoting the participation of citizens to recover public spaces.

Secretary Ebrard Casaubon has a degree in International Relations from El Colegio de México and studied Public Administration at the École Nationale d'Administration in Paris, France.



## KOMIYAMA Hiroshi

*Chairman*

*Science and Technology in Society forum (STS forum)*

Komiyama Hiroshi, a prominent academic, scientist and engineer and leading authority in global sustainability, became Chairman of the Institute of Mitsubishi Research Institute, Inc. in April 2009, after completing four-year presidency as the 28th President at the University of Tokyo. He obtained a PhD in chemical engineering at the University of Tokyo. In 2010, he founded the 'Platinum Society Network' to achieve a sustainable society that solves environmental, aging, educational and economic issues. In 2017, he received the Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum Knowledge Award (Knowledge Award) for his plan for solving social issues to create a better future for humanity, and acting as a driving force behind the effort to realize this vision, which he calls "Platinum Society". He was elected as the Chairman of the STS forum in March 2021.



**Carlos SLIM DOMIT**

*Chairman of the Board*

*América Móvil*

Carlos Slim Domit, born in México City graduated at the Universidad Anahuac in MBA. Currently he serves as Chairman of the Board of Telmex, Grupo Carso and America Móvil. In other activities: he was CoChairman for the ICT Task Force in the B20 in 2012, currently serves as member of the Senate of the FIA, member of the Board of Directors at the Centro de Estudios de Historia de México Carso, member of the Patronate at the Hospital Infantil de México, and the Patronage at the Instituto Nacional de Nutrición y Ciencias Médicas Salvador Zubirán, and among other social organizations.



### KAWADA Mio

*Executive Vice President*

*Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO)*

Kawada Mio is the Executive Vice President of the Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and Institute of Developing Economies (IDE-JETRO). With over twenty years of experience at JETRO, she has worked in promoting trade and investment from both in and out of Japan. Before assigned to the current position, she held the Director-General of the Invest Japan Department at the JETRO, sole public organization designated to promote foreign direct investment (FDI) in Japan. She has also worked at JETRO New York Office as the Executive Director, and at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI), Japan, as the Director of Overseas Business Support Office, Service Affairs Policy Division, in the Commerce and Information Policy Bureau.



## Javier DÁVILA TORRES

*General Director*

*Cooperation Policy Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID)*

He is currently the General Director of Cooperation Policy, as well as the Secretary of Minutes for the Technical Council of Knowledge and Innovation, he's currently a member of the Technical Group for Cooperation. He is a Maxillofacial Surgeon with training in Craniomaxillofacial Trauma. For the majority of his carrier, he has also developed as a Health Systems administrator. He's a Member of the Global Collaboration Network on Patient Safety of the World Health Organization, Member of the Board of Directors and Ambassador in Mexico of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation, and also Member of the Mexican Academy of Surgery and Secretary of the Steering Committee. Honorary Member of the Académie Nationale de Chirurgie. Former Chief Officer Chair Soc. Sec. Mex. Institute (IMSS).

## **PLENARY SESSION: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT**



## Claudia HERRERA MELGAR

*Executive Secretary*

*Coordination Center for Disaster Prevention in Central America and the Dominican Republic (CEPREDENAC)*

First woman to hold the position of Executive Secretary of the Coordination Center for Disaster Prevention in Central America and the Dominican Republic (CEPREDENAC), since January 1, 2019. Currently, through the leadership of Secretary Herrera, CEPREDENAC has led the processes for the transformation and strengthening of sustainable development in the region. She has focused her efforts to minimize practices that promote inequality in public actions for planning, organizing, and implementing efforts dedicated to disaster risk management. Her work has been focused on prioritizing and implementing affirmative actions aimed at caring for population groups in conditions of greater vulnerability in line with the aspiration of being a more inclusive, safe, sustainable and resilient region.





## Juan Carlos DÍAZ GARMENDIA

*CEO*

*INBIODROID*

Biochemical Engineer from Tec de Monterrey, with a Master's degree in Education. General Director of Grupo Novaera, with experience of more than 30 years where he has founded 10 service and industrial companies in the fields of: Education, Sports, Construction, Marketing, Strategic Business Development, Innovation and Technology. President and Founder of the Novaera Foundation, President and Founder of the Citizen Council for Innovation and Technology, Former President and Founder of the Silao Citizen Observatory, Member and Founder of the Guanajuato Innovation Cluster. Counselor in Civil Society Organizations and Companies of the Bajío.



## Juan Manuel ESPINOSA ARANDA

*General Director*

*Seismic Recording and Instrumentation Center*

Juan Manuel Espinosa Aranda graduated from the Faculty of Engineering, UNAM. In 1985 after the September earthquake in Mexico, he was invited to establish and lead the Seismic Instrumentation and Recording Center (CIRES). As General Director of CIRES, in 1987, he developed the Accelerographic Network of Mexico City and promoted the seismic instrumentation of buildings in Mexico City. Under his leadership, CIRES developed the Mexican Seismic Alert System SASMEX, in operation since 1991. During 2008, he promoted the technological improvement and development of the receiver: Mexican Risk Alert System (SARMEX®) and he improved system of the United States NWR-EAS-SAME technological platform. He is the author and co-author of several papers and reports of seismic instrumentation and earthquake early warning systems.



## Enrique GUEVARA ORTÍZ

*Director General*

*National Center for Disaster Prevention*

Mechanical Electrical Engineer, graduated from the National Autonomous University of Mexico with specialized studies in Civil Protection, Early Warning Systems and Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management. He began his career as a research assistant at the Institute of Engineering in the Coordination of Seismic Instrumentation. He worked in the National Seismological Service and at the National Center for Disaster Prevention, where he is currently the Director General, he held different positions since 1989. He has been an advisor and consultant in many institutions of the Mexican Government and International Agencies. A national and international speaker, as well as professor in two recognized Schools of Civil Protection, in Mexico City and Chiapas, Mexico.



## IWASAKI Eiji

*Vice President*

*Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)*

Educational History: Master from Graduate School of Environmental Sciences, University of Tsukuba, Japan. 1989-91 Professional History: Joined Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in April 1991. October 2022- Vice President. 2020-2022: Director General, Global Environment Department. 2013-2017: Deputy Director General, and Group Director for Water Resources and Disaster Management, Global Environment Department. 2008-2010: Director, Planning and Coordination Division, Global Environment Department and Advisor, Office for Science and Technology Cooperation.



## Alejandro ADEM

*President*

*Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada (NSERC)*

Dr. Alejandro Adem is the President of Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council, Canada's largest funder of science and engineering research. He is a highly accomplished mathematician and faculty member at the University of British Columbia, with significant leadership experience in science and innovation. Before joining NSERC in 2019, he served as CEO at Mitacs, where he oversaw a significant expansion of their internship programs, launched the Canadian Science Policy Fellowship and an Indigenous engagement initiative. He holds a BS from UNAM (Mexico), a PhD from Princeton University and has received many recognitions, including Canada Research Chair, the Jeffery-Williams Prize, Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and Corresponding Member of the Mexican Academy of Sciences.



**Mr. Juan Enríquez Cabot**

*Managing Director*

*Excel Venture Management*

Juan Enriquez is a bestselling author, teacher and investor. Specializes on the impact of life sciences and brain research on business, governments, ethics, and society. He is he is a venture capitalist and a research affiliate at MIT's synthetic neurobiology lab. Works with Fortune 50 and heads of state on transitioning from digital to the language of life. Author *As the Future Catches You*. (1999), *The United States of America* (2005), *Evolving Ourselves* (2015), and *RIGHT/ WRONG: How Technology Transforms Our Ethics* (2020). He was the founding director of the Harvard Business School's Life Sciences Project. Ten TED talks, dozens of TEDx talks. Many for profit boards and nonprofits, including American Academy of Arts and Sciences, GBH, Boston Science Museum. Harvard BA, MBA.



## Mateo VALERO

*Founder and Director*

*Barcelona Supercomputing Center*

"Director of the Barcelona Supercomputing Center, <http://www.bsc.es/cv-mateo>. His field of research is focused on High Performance Architecture, and he has published more than 700 articles. His awards include Eckert Mauchly, Seymour Cray, Charles Babbage, Harry H. Goode, ACM Distinguished Service Award; Two national research awards; The European ICT Program "Hall of Fame" one of 25 most influential European researchers in IT. with "Condecoración de la Orden Mexicana del Águila Azteca" granted by the Mexican Government. Recognition of "HPCWire Reader's Choice Awards" for exceptional leadership in HCP. Member of ten academies: the Mexican Academy of Sciences and the Mexican Academy of Engineering. Doctor Honoris Causa from 10 Universities including Veracruzana, Cinvestav and Cristobal Colon."



## Arturo REYES SANDOVAL

*Director General*

*Instituto Politécnico Nacional*

Arturo Reyes Sandoval is a chemist, bacteriologist and parasitologist and a doctor in Molecular Biomedicine from the National School of Biological Sciences of the IPN. He is a member of the National System of Researchers Level II and a professor at the University of Oxford. Associate Professor at the University of Oxford since 2015. Principal investigator leading a group of scientist composed by 4 postdoctoral scientists, 2 PhD students and a project manager. 56 publications in international journals, H-index 22 and 2133 citations to his research work. 15 grants awarded for a total of £11 million pounds awarded by British Institutions and CONACYT. 8 patents and registrations, 6 as inventor.





## Shivani SIROYA

*CEO & Founder*

*Tala*

Shivani Siroya, is the founder and CEO of Tala, the global technology company building the world's most accessible financial services. More than 7 million people across Kenya, the Philippines, Mexico, and India have used Tala products to start and expand small businesses, manage day-to-day needs, and pursue their financial goals with confidence. Tala has raised nearly half a billion dollars in investments and debt, backed by visionary investors including Upstart, the Stellar Development Foundation, RPS Ventures, the J. Safra Group, IVP, Revolution Growth, Lowercase Capital, and PayPal Ventures. The company has been named to the Fortune Impact 20 list, CNBC's Disruptor 50 three years in a row, and Forbes' Fintech 50 list for five years running.



## Ethan DMITROVSKY

*Director of the Frederick National Cancer Research Laboratory and Chairman of Leidos Biomedical Research*

This National Laboratory fights AIDS, cancer, and emerging health challenges like the Zika and Ebola outbreaks. Professor of the American Cancer Society (ACS), he was provost and executive vice president of the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Previously, he served as Chairman of the Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology and Acting Dean of the Geisel School of Medicine in Dartmouth and was Chairman of the Board of Scientific Advisors for Clinical Sciences and Epidemiology at the National Cancer Institute.



## Oswaldo Bernal CARMONA

*General Manager Mexico*

*Bristol Myers Squibb Mexico (BMS)*

General Manager at Bristol Myers Squibb Mexico (BMS). Before he served as Leader for the Hematology & Immunology business unit. Throughout his 20+ years of experience in the pharmaceutical industry, he focused on bringing innovative medicines closer to health systems to improve patients' lives through different roles in the areas of strategy and operations, marketing and business development. At BMS, he has participated in internal programs which promote professional development, female leadership, and diversity & inclusion. Oswaldo is a pharmacist from the Central University of Venezuela. He has an MBA from the Superior Studies of Administration Institute (IESA) and studied Senior Business Management at the Pan-American Institute of Senior Business Management (IPADE).



### Raquel De Andrade Lima COELHO

*Deputy Director of Science and Technology*

*National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq)*

Raquel Coelho graduated in Chemical Engineering from the Federal University of Pernambuco in Brazil and has a Master's Degree in Biochemistry and a PhD in Biological Sciences. She is a Senior Science and Technology Analyst, working at the Brazilian National Scientific and Technological Development Council (CNPq) since 2002. She was Technical Coordinator of the Biomedical Sciences Program, General Coordinator of the Health Sciences Division and Deputy Director of the Agricultural, Health and Environmental Directorate at CNPq. At the moment, she holds a Deputy Scientific Director position. CNPq is the main research-funding agency in Brazil and Dr. Raquel Coelho has been responsible for the management of the scientific projects portfolio across all knowledge fields.



### MATSUMOTO Yoichiro

*Science and Technology Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs*

Dr. Matsumoto received his Bachelor's, Master's and Doctoral degrees from the University of Tokyo in Mechanical Engineering respectively in 1972, 1974 and 1977. He became Lecturer at the same University in 1977, Associate Professor in 1978 and full professor in 1992. He served as Dean of School of Engineering from 2006 to 2008, and served as Executive Vice President from 2009 to 2015. He was Executive Director of RIKEN from 2015 to 2018, and President of Tokyo University of Science from 2018 to 2021. He is now Professor Emeritus at the University of Tokyo, and was appointed as Science and Technology Advisor to the Minister for Foreign Affairs in April 2020. Dr. Matsumoto's recent scientific interests are computational engineering, fluids engineering and biomedical engineering.



**Arcadi NAVARRO**

*Director*

*EGA European Genome-Phenome Archive*

Professor of Genetics and ICREA research Professor at Universitat Pompeu Fabra. Director of Pasqual Maragall Foundation and Barcelonabeta Brain Research Centre. Co-director of European Genome-phenome Archive. Holds a BSc in Biology and a PhD in Genetics from Universidad Aut3noma of Barcelona. Postdoc in population genetics at University of Edinburgh. Former Secretary for Universities and Research in the Catalanian Government. Former Vice-director of the Institute of Evolutionary Biology. Former Director of the Department of Experimental and Health Sciences of UPF. Former Director of the Population Genomics Node of the Spanish National Institute of Bioinformatics.



## Diana PÁEZ

*Senior Director, Energy & Mobility*

*William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan*

Diana Páez is Senior Director, Energy & Mobility at the William Davidson Institute (WDI), an independent, non-profit research and consulting organization affiliated with the University of Michigan (UM). Her role involves helping energy and mobility businesses and stakeholders in low- and middle- income countries, taking advantage of business opportunities and adapting to the global energy transition. Prior to WDI, Páez held positions at the American Council on Education; the National Democratic Institute; and The World Bank Institute, among others. She has two Masters degrees from the Université de Paris and a JD from the UANL in Mexico. Recently, she completed Rice University's Global Energy Leadership Program and a Foundations of Mobility Certificate from UM's College of Engineering.



## Marcus BAUR

*President*

*Bocar Group*

Marcus Baur is President of Bocar Group, a Mexican company, in the international automotive industry with aluminum and plastic products. The company has become an important and reliable automotive parts supplier in the NAFTA region with his contribution. He has occupied various executive positions within the organization, such as Operations Manager and General Manager for Chihuahua's facility, General Manager for the Northern region and Manager of the Aluminum Division, CEO and President of the Bocar Group, he is now President of the Consultative Board of Bocar Group. He graduated as Mechanical Engineer from Esslingen University of Technology, also an Executive MBA (OPM) at Harvard University. He is currently Board member of ITESM, BBVA Bancomer, Banamex and Grupo Zapata.





## Rodrigo SALCEDO CAMPINO

*Manager of Electromobility*

*Emasa*

Rodrigo Salcedo Campino is VP of the Chilean Electric Vehicle Association and Manager of Electromobility in Emasa Chile, Perú and Colombia. He has more than 10 years' experience of developing new business models and services for machines, forklifts, trucks, vehicles, and other 100% electric mobility systems.

Specialist in lithium-ion battery cells, battery monitoring systems (BMS), battery charging and conversion of combustion vehicles/machines to 100% electric.



## Roberto GOTTFRIED

*Co-founder & CEO*

*MegaFlux*

Currently working as CEO of Potencia Industrial from 2013 and most recently MegaFlux. Roberto Gottfried is a fourth-generation manager at the company, with a deep passion for entrepreneurship. At 25, he founded a coffee operator for the OXXO convenience stores. Convinced of the potential of Mexican coffee, came up with a special mix of coffee and started exporting 18T per month to Brazil, EEUU, Russia and others. Currently, Roberto is pushing Potencia Industrial to a new future, promoting the creation of specific brands that leverage breakthrough products such as Astronic no break and MegaFlux.



## Julio Erick JIMÉNEZ JUÁREZ

*General Manager*

*Grupo Bimbo - Moldex*

Julio Jiménez is the General Manager of Moldex, a Grupo Bimbo affiliate specialized in offering innovative solutions in electromobility, electronic devices, displays and body trucks. He was General Manager of Bimbo India, where he led the company's entry into the country and the acquisition of Harvest Gold, Modern Foods and Kitty Bread. He began his career in Grupo Bimbo as a professional trainee and participated in the implementation of the first electronic handheld devices and the first versions of ERP in Bimbo Bakeries USA. He has had different positions in Barcel, including Sales Director and he also led the business of the northeast region of Bimbo Brazil. Julio holds a Bachelor's degree in Industrial Engineering from Universidad Iberoamericana and an MBA from Cornell University.



## Martha DELGADO

*Undersecretary*

*Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights*

Martha Delgado is currently the Vice Minister for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights at the Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Martha is a recognized environmentalist leader at the national and international levels. She has 28 years of consecutive professional experience in various areas of national public service. She has led non-profit organizations dedicated to environmentalism and human rights. She was Secretary of the Environment for the Mexico City government and General Director of the Global Cities Covenant on Climate at Fundación PENSAR. She is currently the President of the first UN-Habitat Assembly (2019-2023), and also serves as Sherpa for the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy (2019-2020), representing Mexico.



## Jan HEINVIRTA

Co-Founder & CEO

Perfekto

*Jan Heinvirta is a co-founder and CEO of Perfekto, a company based in Mexico City that is dedicated to reducing food waste by offering 'imperfect' and surplus food directly from producers and makers to consumers' homes, via a grocery subscription service. With a background in business development, Jan has previously worked at leading Swiss FinTech Sonect, where he was responsible for spearheading Sonect's expansion to LATAM as Head of LATAM. Jan grew up in Switzerland and studied International Management at the Zurich University of Applied Sciences (ZHAW). He is also a Venture Partner at Lotux VC and an Ambassador for FoodHack in Mexico City.*



## Iván ORTIZ Monasterio

*Principal Scientist*

*International Maize and Wheat Improvement Center*

Iván Ortiz-Monasterio is an agronomist and senior scientist at CIMMYT. It focuses on plant nutrition and soil fertility as a means to improve nutrient use efficiency in cereal systems through crop management and improvement, with the aim of increasing productivity, nutritional quality and profitability while reducing environmental impact.

His research has involved technology development as well as technology transfer to farmers' fields, with an emphasis on the use of precision agriculture with optical sensors for nutrient diagnostics. He has also worked on the application of remote sensing in agriculture.



## Blas L. PÉREZ HENRÍQUEZ

*Director*

*Stanford University*

Blas L. Pérez Henríquez founded and serves as Director of the California-Global Energy, Water & Infrastructure Innovation Initiative at Stanford University, focusing on regional low-carbon development opportunities and sustainable entrepreneurship. His research and teaching centers on policy analysis to advance clean innovation and sustainable societies through novel technological, business, policy, and social solutions for a new clean economy and a net zero, carbon neutral future. Pérez Henríquez is a Senior Research Scholar at the Precourt Institute for Energy at Stanford University and leads the Stanford/Mexico Clean Economy 2050 program. He gives lectures in the Stanford Public Policy Program, and serves as the faculty director of the Local Governance Summer Institute at Stanford.



## Dylan ROMAN

CEO

*Reincia el Ciclo (REC)*

Dylan is an Energy and Processes Engineer from the Berlin Institute of Technology and graduated with honors as M. Sc. in Urban Management. Back in 2005, he did his first internship at SEMARNAT and has been working on environmental topics since then. Renewable Energies at Siemens took him to investigate on Smart Cities and use of Big Data, working for 2 years in a Business Insights Norwegian Startup. Since then, he has founded three companies on crowd-investing in Europe for energy efficiency projects in Latam, Climate Impact Measurement on investment in Latin-American Microfinance Institutions, and REC - Reincia el Ciclo, his most recent creation: an ecosystem to connect critical materials contained in old electronics (like Lithium and Cobalt) with the most exciting innovations like EVs.





## Carlos ANAYA RODRÍGUEZ

*CEO & Founder*

*Parkimovil*

Carlos Anaya is Founder and CEO of Parkimovil, the Mexican company that is transforming the experience of moving and parking in the world. He has always been interested in technology and innovation as a means to streamline processes and coexistence, integrating simple solutions for mass use that make people's lives easier.

It ventured into the challenge of getting millions of users to join the global trend of mobile money (mobile payment culture) turning cell phones, from simple accessories to communicate, into authentic means of financial transaction. Today Parkimovil generates more than 150,000 operations daily.



## Sergio M. ALCOCER

*President*

*Consejo Mexicano de Asuntos Internacionales (COMEXI)*

Sergio Alcocer earned his B.S degree in Civil Engineering from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM) and a Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from UT Austin. He served as the Head of the Structural Engineering and Geotechnical Area for the National Center for Disaster Prevention at UNAM. He was Director of Research for the Center, to become the Director of the Institute of Engineering from. He served as Secretary General and provost of UNAM, and as the Vice President for Innovation and Development. Dr. Alcocer was appointed by the Mexican government as the Undersecretary for Energy Planning and Technology Development within the Ministry of Energy. He again served as the Undersecretary for North America in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Mexican government.



## Caterine CASTILLO

*CEO & Co-Founder*

*NEIVOR*

Caterine is the CEO and Co-Founder of Neivor, a proptech venture that develops cutting-edge solutions that enable real estate companies to streamline their operations and achieve greater efficiency. With a track record of over 10 years in technology, consulting, and entrepreneurial ventures, she has led successful ventures in various industries, demonstrating her business acumen and strategic vision. Prior to launching Neivor, she served as the Country Manager at InComm Payments, and as the Global Chief Product Officer at NovoPayment, a Banking as a Service Technology Company. She earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and an MBA from Carleton University in Canada. She also completed courses on negotiation mastery at Harvard Business School.



**KONO Masahiko**

*President*

*Mitsubishi de Mexico S.A. de C.V.*

Education: March 1990 Graduated from Nagoya University, Economics Business Career: April 1990 Aerospace Dept., Mitsubishi Corporation.

Feb. 2003 Mitsubishi International Corp., New York

Oct. 2003 Mitsubishi International Corp., Arlington Office

Apr. 2007 Mitsubishi International Corp., Washington Annex Office

Apr. 2014 General Manager, Defense & Aerospace Dept., Ship & Aerospace Division

Apr. 2018 General Manager, Group Human Resources Officer, Machinery Group

Apr. 2019 President, Mitsubishi de México S.A. de C.V. (Present position)

Feb. 2022-Jan. 2023 President, Cámara Japonesa de Comercio e Industria de México, A.C. (Present position).



## HAMAGUCHI Michinari

*Director General*

*Japan Agency for Medical Research and Development:AMED*

Hamaguchi Michinari earned his PhD in medicine from Nagoya University. He was appointed Research Associate at the Nagoya University School of Medicine in 1980, and since then, he had been working at Nagoya University, except for the time he pursued his research at Rockefeller University in the U.S. from 1985-1988. He served as the President of Nagoya University from Apr. 2009 - Mar. 2015 before becoming the President of JST in Oct. 2015. He currently serves as Chairperson of the Japanese National Commission for UNESCO and of the Council for Science and Technology, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) in Japan. Form April. 2022 - present Counsellor to the President, Japan Science and Technology Agency (JST).



## Luis Alonso HERRERA MONTALVO

*Dean*

*School of Medicine and Health Sciences; ITESM*

Dr. Herrera has a PhD in Biomedical Research from the National Autonomous University of Mexico and is a Biologist from the same university. He has a post-doctorate in the Department of Infectious Diseases of the School of Medicine, at Stanford University. He carried out research stays at the Institutes of Human Genetics of the Erlangen-Nürnberg University and of Toxicology and Pharmacology of the University of Würzburg, in Germany; as well as the National Center for Research in Toxicology, FDA, Jefferson, Arkansas, United States. Since 2001 he has been a researcher at the UNAM Biomedical Research Institute, where he also participated in the installation and consolidation of biomedical research in cancer. Starting in 2003, he joined the National Institute of Cancerology (INCan) as Deputy Director of Basic Research where he stood out remarkably with his work in the consolidation of research policies. Subsequently, for 10 years he was in charge of the INCan Research Directorate, from where he managed the Hereditary Cancer Clinic, the Prevention Research Center, as well as the Prevention Clinics in Torreon, Monterrey and Puebla. He coordinated the installation, development and operation of the Mexican College for Cancer Research.



**Gabriela DÁVILA**

*Head of Europe*

*Canada and Latin America Pfizer*

Graduated from the Faculty of Medicine of the La Salle University. Between 1988 and 1992 she specialized in Clinical Neurology at the University of Paris VI Pierre et Marie Curie, at the Hospital de la Pitié-Salpêtrière in Paris, France.

She is certified by the Mexican Council of Neurology and belongs to several Organizations such as the Mexican Academy of Neurology, American Academy of Neurology, French Society of Neurology (Honorary Member since 1999), Founder of the La Sallista Medical College. Active member of Canifarma since 2009 to the date. Former President of the Commission for Research and Technological Development in multiple occasions.



**Maria HAHN**

*CEO and Founder*

*Nutrix AG*

Maria Hahn is founder and CEO of Nutrix, a digital health startup based in Basel, Switzerland. With over a decade of experience in the medical devices and consultancy sectors, Maria is an expert in digital health. Maria is passionate about innovation and technology, and she strives to bring new solutions to the market. In 2022, she was named a Woman to Watch by Forbes as well as Digital Shaper Switzerland in 2021 and 2022—an award given to those who continue driving digital change. She earned her MBA from IE Business School, participated in the MIT Innovation and Technology Bootcamp, and worked as Global Director Solutions Management for Straumann Group before founding Nutrix. Maria enjoys working with multicultural, global teams and fluently speaks four languages.





**David KERSHENOBICH**

*National Nutrition Institute of Mexico*

He graduated from the Faculty of Medicine at the National Autonomous of México. He specialized in gastroenterology at the National Institute of Medical Sciences and Nutrition “Salvador Zubirán” (INCMNSZ) and in Hepatology at the Royal Free in London, England where he obtained his Doctorate in Medicine from the University of London. He has been Director General at the INCMNSZ, Secretary of the General Health Council. President of the National Academy of Medicine. He has received the national Prize of Science in México. President the international Association for the Study of the Liver (200-2002) He is a leader in the field of research in fibrosis of the liver. He has written close to 500 publications, of which 238 are original articles and 111 Chapters of books.



## Najmedin MESHKATI

*Professor*

*University of Southern California*

Dr. Najmedin Meshkati is a Professor of Civil/Environmental Engineering, Industrial & Systems Engineering, and International Relations at the University of Southern California (USC); an Associate (ex-Research Fellow) with the Project on Managing the Atom at Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs at Harvard Kennedy School; and has been an Associate with the Mossavar-Rahmani Center for Business and Government at Harvard. Prof. Meshkati is a Commissioner of The Joint Commission and is on the Governance Board of the Patient Safety Movement Foundation. He was a Jefferson Science Fellow and a Senior Science and Engineering Advisor, Office of Science and Technology Adviser to the Secretary of State, US State Department, Washington, DC (2009-2010).



## Cintia ANGULO

*Executive Director*

*World Energy Council, Mexico Chapter A.C.*

She is a political scientist and public administrator with postgraduate studies at the Universities of Moncton in Canada, Public Administration at the National School of Administration ENA in France and third doctoral cycle at the Sorbonne in Paris. As of March 2022, she serves as Executive Director of the World Energy Council Mexico Chapter. President of the Marianne Association since 2021. Marianne was recently awarded the 2022 Laffran prize and in 2023 she was part of the 60 women who move Mexico (by L'Oreal Group). It is also part of the 2nd edition of "Girls with Energy powered by Siemens Energy". Co-founder of VE (Voces Expertas, energy sector) As of 2020, she is CEO in Mexico of RATP SS (Paris transport network) and CEO of the French company TEXELIS, as well as CEO of NextProtein.



## Adan RAMIREZ SANCHEZ

*CEO & Co-founder*

*Greenfluidics*

Adan is the CEO & co-founder of Greenfluidics, a biotech company that drives the circular economy by transforming commercial buildings into lungs for the city. With a background in biotech and high- technology management he has had the opportunity to collaborate with various innovation departments of multinational companies from Europe and MENA region. He is a creative mind that finds solutions and innovations to solve complex problems for society. Adan has been named Inventor of the Year by MIT Tech Review as well as Young Leader of the Americas in the USA. He is currently ambassador for Madrid Innovation for LATAM by the IDB LAB, and global representative of SDG 13 in +150 countries in collaboration with Deloitte.



**Bruno SUZART**

*Country Manager, Brazil*

*Shizen Energy Group*

Bruno serves as Country Manager of the Brazil operation at Shizen Energy Group. He joined Shizen in 2016 and supported the group's EPC practice with international customers, until he moved to Shizen's International Department in July 2018 as a Business Development Manager. Bruno participated on over 100 MW in solar power plants in Japan. He supported the development of Shizen's business in the Americas and in Southeast Asia, and started the group's operation in Brazil, overseeing the construction of over 40 MW. He received his Master of Public Administration from Tsinghua University in 2016, and his Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from the University of Brasilia in 2014.



**Cherry A. MURRAY**

*Deputy Director for Research, Biosphere2 and Professor of Physics  
University of Arizona*

Cherry Murray, Benjamin Peirce Professor of Technology and Public Policy, John A. Paulson School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Professor of Physics, Emerita, Harvard University, is Deputy Director of Research, Biosphere2 and Professor of Physics at University of Arizona. and co-chair of the UN 10-Member Group. Dr. Murray served as Director of the US Department of Energy's Office of Science from 2015 until 2017. She was dean of Harvard University's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences from 2009 until 2014, Principal Associate Director for Science and Technology from 2004 to 2009 at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. From 1978 to 2004, Dr. Murray held a number of positions including Senior VP at Bell Laboratories, Lucent Technologies, formerly AT&T Bell Laboratories.



## Porfirio ÁLVAREZ TORRES

*Executive Secretary*

*Consortium of Marine Research Institutes of the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean*

Graduated from Tokyo University of Marine Sciences and Technology. Founder of the Marine Research Consortium of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean, has served the Mexican Government with research programs to implement national environmental policies, and has represented the Mexican Government in multilateral forums related to oceans, climate change, biodiversity, and geo-spatial technology. Is a former member of the Advisory Board of the Gulf of Mexico Research Program of the US National Academy of Sciences, and the International Resources Panel of UNEP, he has been a senior consultant for international funded projects and programs. Dr. Alvarez has been awarded in Japan with the "Sankei Award" in 1989, and recipient of the US Environment Protection Agency "Gulf Guardian Award" (2013 & 2015)



## Christopher CORDOVA

*CEO*

*AI for climate*

Christopher is an international consultant, author, speaker & conservationist. He leads AI for Climate ([forclimate.ai](https://forclimate.ai)), an initiative that aims to protect natural reserves around the world with Artificial Intelligence, and to create a global data trust to fast-forward data-driven conservation solutions. He has published 20 books and over 130 opinion articles, and presented over 120 lectures and talks at leading institutions in 14 countries. He has designed, directed & advised projects in 30 countries and is a facilitator of high-level cooperation processes. Website: [christophercordova.mx](https://christophercordova.mx)





## Arturo GONZÁLEZ GONZÁLEZ

*Director*

*Desert Museum*

Arturo Gonzalez is a scientist specialized in biology, archaeology, and paleontology. Cataloged as one of Mexico's "best scientific minds" by Quo magazine currently holds the position of CEO at the Desert Museum in Saltillo Coahuila, one of the best natural history museums Latin America. Arturo has more than 100 scientific papers in several fields both as an author and co-author, and his studies have been showcased in top scientific magazines such as: Science, Plos one, Mammoth Trumpet and Current Research in Pleistocene. He received the Rolex Award for Enterprise for his research in underwater caves at the Yucatan peninsula as a cultural promoter and consultant, he has participated in the establishment of more than 10 museographical projects in Mexico.



## Lorenza MARTÍNEZ

*CEO*

*Banco Actinver*

Lorenza is CEO of Actinver Bank. She has more than 20 years of experience in financial sector, economic regulation and monetary policy and 12 years in top level position in the private sector and in the Mexican public sector as General Director of Payment Systems and Corporate Services at the Central Bank of Mexico, Undersecretary of Industry and Commerce and Chief of the Unit of Insurance and Pensions at the Ministry of Finance in Mexico. Before joining Actinver Lorenza was Managing Director at Accenture Mexico where she led projects on digital transformation, openbanking, payments and financial regulation. She has published research in topics related to monetary policy and development of financial system among others. She is an economist from ITAM and holds a PhD. in Economics from MIT.



## Adolfo BABATZ

*Founder & CEO*

*Clip*

Adolfo Babatz is the Founder, Chairman and CEO of Clip. Before Clip, Mr. Babatz held different positions at PayPal, where he was firstly responsible for leading the team that opened PayPal in Mexico and then became Customer Engagement and New Product Development Manager for PayPal Latin America. Before that, he was part of the founding team of The Carlyle Group Mexico, where he worked as an analyst. Before Carlyle, he worked as an advisor to the Executive Vice President of Grupo Desc, one of Mexico's largest industrial conglomerates. He currently sits on the board of Endeavor Mexico. Mr. Babatz holds a BA in Business from ITAM (Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México) and an MBA from the MIT Sloan School of Management.



## Raphael KAPPELER

*Founder and CEO*

*REWORTH*

Raphael is the founder and CEO of REWORTH - a Mexico City-based fintech that simplifies how banks and merchants interact with their customers, by enabling them to understand, predict and influence consumer behavior from real-time transactional data. REWORTH is backed by leading investors and experienced operators including ALLVP, FJ Labs, Latitud, Justin Mateen, Patrick Sigrist, Alfonso de los Rios, Daniel Vogel. Raphael has been building companies in Latam for the past 8 years (Appuntos, iAngels Mexico), and has a previous track record of 14 years in the investment banking (Credit Suisse), fintech (Leonteq) and payments industry between Asia, Europe and the Americas. Raphael mentors and advises other startups as part of Latitud & START Global. He is a Venture Partner at Picus and Lotux.



## Lorena SÁNCHEZ

*CEO*

*Billioneurs*

Serial entrepreneur who has grown Internet and mobile companies in 9 countries. Led commercial & operations teams at Linio, created Envío Click (Endeavor company). Created, operated and sold Urban Guilt & AlmaZen Botanicals. General Manager at Latin American Unicorn Rappi founder of Paga con Rappi regionally. Former VP of Product Marketing at Stori, which she currently advises.

Country director for Founder Institute in Mexico and Founder & General Partner at Billioneurs a Venture Capital early stage fund. Independent Board Member at Redwood Capital. Prior experience at L'Oréal New York and Natura in brand management and in Cemex as product manager in Europe. Summa Cum Laude Chemical Engineer from ITESM Campus Monterrey, Kellogg MBA 2011 and Northwestern MEM 2011



## Becky AGUILA-ALVAREZ DE SÁENZ

*Executive Director*

*Medical Alliance for Health*

Becky Aguila-Alvarez de Sáenz -

- Economist ITAM -Executive Director AMSA
- Member of the Executive Committee and Health Committee ENSAMBLE
- 15 years in the banking and financial sector at Banco de México, Banca CONFIA and Banca MIFEL
- Member of the Civic Committee of Ford Mexico
- Member of the Executive Committee Entrepreneurs for basic education (ExEb) - Treasurer of the Patronato UNETE (Union of Entrepreneurs for Technology in Education).



## Estuardo AGUILAR CORDOVA

*Founder and Director*

*Candel Therapeutics, Inc.*

Dr. Estuardo Aguilar-Cordova is Founder and Director of Candel Therapeutics (NASDAQ:CADL). He served as CEO and CSO from 2003-2022. He has over 30 year's experience in biotherapeutics, cancer research, and drug development, with more than 25 clinical trials. Previously, Dr. Aguilar held academic positions for nearly two decades. Most recently, as Dep. Dir. of the Harvard Gene Therapy Initiative and as a faculty member at Baylor College of Medicine, Houston. He also served in numerous national committees for the U.S. NIH and FDA. Dr. Aguilar has over 90 peer-reviewed scientific publications, and is an inventor on several patents. A native of Guatemala, he completed studies in Biology at Cal State, Bakersfield; Medicine, at Francisco Marroquín, Guatemala; and Ph.D. in Genetics at UC Davis.



### MOCHIZUKI Yasunori

*NEC Fellow*

*NEC Corporation*

Mochizuki Yasunori is NEC Fellow and is focused on digital transformation and ecosystem strategy for Smart Cities. Previously, he was Senior Vice President responsible for NEC's corporate technology strategy including R&D roadmap and open innovations. Yasunori has 30+ years of career as a research scientist and then as head of multiple research departments in NEC and his technical expertise covers a broad area including AI-oriented computer science, ICT systems, integrated devices and solid-state physics. He is the Chair of Technology Strategy Committee for Japan Electronics and Information Technology Industry Association (JEITA) and Executive Committee member of the Council on Competitiveness-Nippon (COCN). He received his PhD in Electronics Engineering from University of Tokyo in 1987.





## Gorka ORIVE

*Full Professor of Pharmacy*

*University of the Basque Country*

Gorka Orive is Professor of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Technology at the University of the Basque Country in Vitoria in Spain. Also professor at the University Institute for Regenerative Medicine and Oral Implantology - UIRMI and scientist at Networking Biomedical Research Center on Bioengineering, Biomaterials and Nanomedicine, CIBER- BBN. Adjunct Principal Researcher at the Singapore Eye Research Institute. He is one of the pharmacists (as scientists) with the most international articles in Spain by the age of 45, with 350 international papers, 70 national articles, an H-index of 80 (1% top scientists of my country) and over 23.000 citations. He founded his own company Geroa Diagnostics about Alzheimer's diagnosis by salivary biomarkers.



## María ARIZA

### *General Director of the Institutional Stock Market (BIVA)*

María Ariza is the General Director of the Institutional Stock Market (BIVA), a global electronic market for the purchase and sale of securities, created with the objective of deepening the Mexican stock market and generating a competitive financing alternative for high-growth companies. Before joining BIVA, María spent her entire professional career in the private equity sector, holding various leadership positions, including: General Director of the Mexican Association of Private and Entrepreneurial Capital (AMEXCAP); partner of Ictus Capital; and as an associate in NAFTA Fund LLC. Previously, María launched and managed Facial Design, a company that produces and sells beauty products for the C segment; she led the PMO at Grupo Impulso Empresarial and served as strategic planning manager at the Organizing Committee of the Asia Pacific Economic Corporation. In addition to BIVA, María is a partner and member of the board of directors of Grupo Salus, Muventa and KL Studios; and is a partner of Cervecería Colima and Matterscale Ventures



**Pierpaolo BARBIERI**

*Founder & CEO*

*Ualá*

Pierpaolo Barbieri is the CEO and founder of Ualá, the fintech that is revolutionizing finance in Latin America. He grew up in Buenos Aires, studied History and Economics for his undergraduate degree at Harvard and earned a postgraduate degree at Cambridge.



## Guillermo TORRE AMIONE

*Vice President of Research  
Tecnológico de Monterrey*

Dr. Guillermo Torre Amione is the President of TecSalud and Vice President of Research, Tecnológico de Monterrey; Chairman of Cardiovascular Research at TecSalud School of Medicine Tecnológico de Monterrey. He is one of the founders of the Transplant Laboratory at Houston Methodist Hospital and was a board member of the DeBakey Heart Center run by Houston Methodist Hospital and the University of St. Thomas. He holds a medical degree from Tecnológico de Monterrey, with a fellowship in Internal Medicine and in Interventional Cardiology, Heart Failure, and Transplantation from Baylor College of Medicine, and a PhD in Immunology from the University of Chicago. Guillermo Torre is a Level 3 member of the Mexican National Research System.



## Ricardo WEDER

*Founder and CEO*

*Jüsto*

Ricardo Weder is an entrepreneur and promotor of the technological ecosystem in Latin America. He is the Founder and CEO of Jüsto, a company that seeks to transform Consumer Industry with operations in Brazil, Peru. Previously, he was the COO and Global President of Cabify a tech Unicorn valued at 1.4B USD with presence throughout Iberia and Latin America, in more than 120 cities. He is an independent Board Member of PFG in Mexico; part of the investment committee of Nazca, the leading Venture Capital in Mexico and advisor of startups. He is also an Angel Investor. In 2021 he was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum. In 2020 he was selected as an Endeavor Entrepreneur and in 2021 recognized as a member of its Outliers community.



## Laura Elena CARRILLO CUBILLAS

*Executive Director*

*Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation (AMEXCID)*

Laura Elena Carrillo Cubillas was born in Tijuana, Mexico, in 1972. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Communications and Education, Master's degree in History and Sustainable Development, and a PhD in Regional Development. In 2010, Dr. Carrillo-Cubillas joined the public service, coordinating the Program for Talented Children at the National System for Family Development. She also led the Incentives Program for Universal High School (Prepa Sí), a component of Mexico City's Education Trust. She served as Evaluation Director of the Evaluation Council of Social Development in Mexico City. She has published research papers on Development Cooperation, Education and Public Policy. Took office on February 16th, 2019 as Executive Director of Mexican Agency for International Development Cooperation.



## FUJIKI Kanji

*Executive Director*

*Science and Technology in Society forum (STS forum)*

2019: Executive Director, STS forum; 2015: Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United Arab Emirates; 2012: Deputy Minister, MEXT; 2008: Director-General, Research and Development Bureau, MEXT; 2006: Deputy Director-General, Research Promotion Bureau, MEXT; 2005: Deputy Director-General, Research and Development Bureau, MEXT; 2004: Director, Minister's Secretariat, MEXT; 2002: Director, Research and Development Policy Division, Research and Development Bureau, MEXT; 1995: MOFA Councilor, Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organization in Vienna; 1978: Safeguard Division, Nuclear Safety Bureau, STA; 1978: Graduated from University of Tokyo, Graduate School of Science 1976: Graduated from University of Tokyo, Faculty of Science.



## ZARUR Andrey

*CEO*

*Greenlight Bio*

Andrey co-founded GreenLight Biosciences in 2008 to develop advanced biological solutions to overcome some of the biggest challenges faced by the human race, including sustainable food production, response and preparedness for pandemics, and global access to effective human health.

He is a co-founder and was Chairman of the Board of Solid Biosciences, Inc. (NASDAQ: SLDB), a gene-therapy company targeting Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy. He is also co-founder and Chairman of the Board at Lumicell Surgical, an oncology company delivering advanced imaging solutions to cancer surgery. He has been a co-founder and senior executive in more than a dozen companies in the healthcare and clean energy sectors. Prior to starting GreenLight, Andrey was Managing Partner at Kodiak Venture Partners, an early-stage, technology-driven venture fund based in Boston.

Dr. Zarur carried out graduate doctoral studies in Chemical and Biomedical Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and Immunology at Harvard-MIT. Andrey is a frequent invited speaker at scientific and trade conferences, has authored a number of landmark peer-reviewed articles in prestigious scientific journals, holds over 100 provisional and issued patents and has been regularly quoted in international media on the pandemic and RNA vaccines, including recent opinion pieces in Fortune and Stat as well as quotes in the Financial Times, Investors Business Daily, Wired, Business Insider and CNBC





## HAYASHI Yoshimasa

*Minister*

*Ministry for Foreign Affairs*

HAYASHI Yoshimasa was appointed Minister for Foreign Affairs in November 2021, after being elected as a member of the House of Representatives in October 2021. He served as Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and Minister in charge of Education Rebuilding (Aug 2017- Oct 2018), Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (2015, 2012-2013), Minister of State for Economic and Fiscal Policy (2009) and Minister of Defense (2008-2009). He also held several senior positions at the Liberal Democratic Party, while he was a member of the House of Councilors from 1995 to 2021. He graduated from the Faculty of Law, Tokyo University (1984), and Harvard J.F.K. School of Government (1994).



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