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Uruguayan and Spanish, he graduated in Economics and Statistics, obtaining his Master in Economics and Econometrics in UDELAR (Uruguay) and PhD in Statistics and Econometrics (CIENES, Chile) After having worked for 18 years in the National Statistical Office in Uruguay as technical advisor and Director of the Household Surveys Division, in 1986 he joined the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) as Regional Advisor in Labour Markets, then been appointed Special Advisor to the Executive Secretary, Technical Coordinator and Director of the ECLAC's Montevideo office, working intensively at the regional level in technical assistance to all National Statistical offices, especially focused on household surveys, income and expenditures surveys, living standards surveys and poverty assessments.

He participated actively in the harmonization of labour and poverty statistics jointly working with the World Bank and the Inter-American Bank in the MECOVI project, as well as in the Household Surveys Capability Programme of the UN Statistical Division. He has worked as consultant to the World Bank, the IADB, FAO, UNDP, UNIDO, GTZ, IOM, ILO, EC, UNFPA, ALADI, etc.

He has taught Statistics, Sampling Techniques and Econometrics at many universities in Latin America and the Caribbean, having authored several books and publications in statistical methods and applied time series. He worked extensively in qualitative models and in labour econometrics.

In 2003, he joined the ILO as Senior Economist in the Policy Integration Department in Geneva. In 2007 he was appointed Senior Advisor for Latin America and the Caribbean in the Office of the Director General and in 2009 he was appointed as Chief Statistician and Director of a newly created ILO Department of Statistics, based in Geneva, Switzerland. He has been the Secretary-General of the 19th and 20th International Conference of Labour Statisticians (ICLS) in 2013 and 2018.