

Country Historic Profile: MEXICO

World Bank Group Archives

Profile completed: October 9, 2020

Basic Historical Information

Membership days for each affiliate

Information is taken from [World Bank Group membership page](#).

- Membership days for each affiliate
 - IBRD: December 31, 1945
 - IDA: April 24, 1961
 - IFC: July 20, 1956
 - MIGA: July 1, 2009
 - ICSID: August 26, 2018

First loan(s)

Information taken from [Projects & Operations website](#).

- January 6, 1949: [Electric Power Development Project](#)
- January 6, 1949: [Electric Power Development Project](#)

Resident Mission establishment

Information taken from internal World Bank Group Archives resource.

- December 15, 1986

Photo resources related to country

Hyperlink links to photos in the World Bank Group Archives' [Photo Catalog](#) for a given country. Digitization and description of archival photos are ongoing, and photos are added to the catalog regularly. In instances where the catalog contains no photos for a given country, check back frequently for additions, or contact the Archives for consultation by emailing archives@worldbank.org.

- [Historical photos related to Mexico](#)

Project profiles related to country

Link is to a list in the [Projects & Operations website](#) of all projects approved, dropped, or in the pipeline for a given country. Each project links to a project profile that includes description, financial details, and lists of reports, archival record folders, and photos, when available. This can be helpful to study the evolution of the Bank's work in the country over time, and to identify notable projects that represent

important shifts or moments in the country's history. Projects are also excellent examples of case studies of how the Bank made an impact in a particular sector. The WBG Archives have original records and other information related to these projects. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

- [Mexico project profiles in Projects & Operations](#)

Description of operational records in Archives Holdings

Archival records relating to Bank operations are described according to the ISAD(g) standard and are accessible in our [Archives Holdings catalog](#). Descriptions include lengthy organizational histories of the regional vice presidency responsible for operations in that region and a description of records created and transferred to the Archives by that vice presidency. The descriptions in the catalog can be helpful to understand the organizational context of Bank work, and to understand more about the content of the records in the Archives.

- [Records of the Latin America and Caribbean Regional Vice Presidency](#)

Chronology events

Events have been selected from the Archivists' Chronology, an 800+ page resource compiled by Bank Group archivists over the course of the institution's history. Events chosen include important firsts, milestones and other events that evidence the country's development history and/or its relationship with the World Bank Group. The Archivists' Chronology is accessible on [this page](#). This list of events can be helpful to determine if you'd like to dig deeper into any moments in the country's history of engagement with the Bank. The WBG Archives may have original records and other information about these events. Email archives@worldbank.org for guidance.

Bretton Woods Conference; Representatives of Mexico Attend

July 1-22, 1944

IBRD Articles of Agreement Signed by Mexico

December 31, 1945

Loan Applications from the Netherlands and Mexico Received

April 29, 1947

President McCloy to Visit Central America Including Mexico

November 10, 1948

Seventh Annual Meetings Begin in Mexico City

September 5, 1952

Economic Development Institute Opens; First Cohort Includes Participants from Mexico

January 9, 1956

IFC Articles of Agreement Signed by Mexico

July 20, 1956

First IFC Investment in Non-Manufacturing Enterprise to Bristol de Mexico

September 11, 1957

EDI Makes Field Trip to Mexico, First Outside US

January 31, 1958

IDA Articles of Agreement Signed by Mexico

April 24, 1961

First Bank Grants for Agricultural Research Include Center in Mexico

February 3, 1972

Mexican Debt Default Announced

August 12, 1982

IDA Sixth Replenishment Becomes Effective; Mexico Becomes First-Time Donor

August 24, 1982

Resident Mission in Mexico City to Be Established

February 3, 1987

Largest IBRD Loan (in Nominal Terms) Approved, Supports Mexican Debt-Reduction Program

January 30, 1990

Funds for Environmental Project Loans to Mexico Approved

September 28, 1993

World Bank Unveils Spanish-Language Website, Features CAS for Mexico

October 18, 2002

World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz Meets with Mexican President Fox

April 25, 2006

MIGA Articles of Agreement Signed by Mexico

July 1, 2009

ICSID Articles of Agreement Signed by Mexico

Aug 26, 2018

World Bank Group Timeline Events

Events are selected from the [World Bank Group Timeline](#). The Timeline is an online platform created by

the Archives designed to highlight the important events in the Bank Group's history and to illuminate those events through a variety of archival records, photos, video and audio clips, oral history transcripts, reports, and more.

None.

Early Country Economic Reports

Reports have been selected from the [Documents & Reports website](#), a database of publicly available World Bank Group authored reports and publications dating to the opening of the Bank in 1946. Country economic reports selected here are, in many cases, some of the earliest economic studies ever published on Bank member countries. Reports discussing the whole economy of a country, rather than individual sectors, are prioritized in this list.

Mexican railway progress 1945-1947	April 13, 1948
Mexico - Foreign direct investments in Mexico	June 25, 1948
Mexico's external public debt, economic and financial causes of debt and debt adjustment plans	January 30, 1949
The major long-term trends in the Mexican economy (with a particular reference to Mexico's capacity to absorb additional foreign investments)	September 30, 1952
The economic development of Mexico	January 1, 1953
Mexico - Current economic position and prospects	July 31, 1954
Mexico - Current economic position and prospects	November 30, 1956
Mexico - Recent economic developments and prospects	November 30, 1958
Mexico - Current economic position and prospects	August 31, 1960
Mexico - Current economic position and prospects	April 30, 1962
Mexico - The development program: Main report	July 13, 1964
Mexico - Memorandum on recent economic developments	April 30, 1965
Mexico - Current economic position and prospects: Main report	October 26, 1966
Mexico - Memorandum on recent economic developments	June 30, 1968
Mexico - Current economic position and prospects	December 31, 1969
Mexico - Current economic position and prospects	December 31, 1970
Mexico - Current economic position and prospects	November 30, 1971
Mexico - Current economic position and prospects	September 30, 1974
Mexico - Special study of the economy - major policy issues and prospects: Main report	May 30, 1979
Mexico - Recent economic developments and prospects	May 31, 1984

Country Assistance Strategies

List is based on a similar list compiled by World Bank's Secretary's staff. Introduced in 1990 and replaced

by the Country Partnership Framework (CPF) in 2014, the CAS is an overview of each borrowing country's current economic situation and contains a discussion of its development challenges, prospects, and project-planning. CASs were often initially published as part of project documents but later on were published as standalone documents.

Country Strategies Included within Project Documents	
Mexico - Highway Rehabilitation and Traffic Safety Project	May 18, 1993
Mexico - Contractual Savings Development Program Project	November 13, 1996
Stand-Alone Country Strategies	
Mexico - Country assistance strategy	May 13, 1994
Mexico - Country assistance strategy	May 22, 1995
Mexico - Country assistance strategy	November 25, 1996
Mexico - Country assistance strategy	May 13, 1999
Mexico - Country assistance strategy progress report (CASP)	May 21, 2001
Mexico - Country assistance strategy	April 23, 2002
Mexico - Country partnership strategy	March 18, 2004
Mexico - Country partnership strategy progress report	January 8, 2007
Mexico - Country partnership strategy for the period FY 2008 - 2013	March 4, 2008
Mexico - Country partnership strategy progress report for the period of FY08-FY10	February 26, 2010
Mexico - Country partnership strategy for the period FY2014-2019	October 23, 2013
Mexico - Performance and learning review of the country partnership strategy for the period FY2014 - FY2019	January 26, 2017
Mexico - Country Partnership Framework	January 29, 2020

Staff Newsletters

Resources have been selected from the World Bank Group's [Documents & Reports website](#). The World Bank has produced a staff newsletter since 1947. The publication has changed its name twice: from International Bank Notes to Bank Notes in 1971 and then to Bank's World in 1982. The newsletter moved online in 2000 and physical publication ceased. In addition to offering news relating to Bank operations and country development, the newsletters were intended to foster a sense of community among staff by highlighting social events, marriages and births, arrival of new staff, recreational events, favorite cooking recipes submitted by staff, and features on different aspects of staff's home country and culture.

International Bank Notes -- Vol. 3, Iss. 4	March 1, 1949	"Visit to Mexico"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 3, Iss. 16	August 15, 1949	"Mission to Alexandria"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 4, Iss. 16	October 1, 1950	"Excavation for the Tepazolco Hydroelectric Plant"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 6, Iss. 9	September 1, 1952	"The Bank and Mexico"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 9, Iss. 3	March 1, 1955	"Mexican Holiday"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 9, Iss. 4	April 1, 1955	"Mexican Holiday - Part II"

International Bank Notes -- Vol. 16, Iss. 7-8	August 1, 1962	No title - "Loans to Mexico"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 17, Iss. 9	October 1, 1963	"Irrigation in Mexico"
Bank Notes -- Vol. 2, Iss. 4	December 1, 1972	"The Green Revolution: where did it go?"
Bank's World -- Vol. 1, Iss. 10	October 1, 1982	"Project launch"
Bank's World -- Vol. 5, Iss. 5	May 1, 1986	"After the earthquake - Mexico City's rocky road to reconstruction"
Bank's World -- Vol. 5, Iss. 6	June 1, 1986	"FIRA, PRODERITH projects make a difference - Mexican farmers expand their horizons"
Bank's World -- Vol. 5, Iss. 8	August 1, 1986	"Small industry gets a boost in Mexico"
Bank's World -- Vol. 6, Iss. 5	May 1, 1987	"Trip hailed as a 'high-level seminar on the road' - An irrigation study tour, Mexican style"
Bank's World -- Vol. 7, Iss. 3	March 1, 1988	"A Sustainable Environment in Mexico - Yaqui Irrigation District"
Bank's World -- Vol. 7, Iss. 11	November 1, 1988	"The Choice Is Theirs - Housing Mexico's Poor"
Bank's World -- Vol. 7, Iss. 12	December 1, 1988	"The MEXCAP Program: How IFC Pioneered Private Sector Debt Reduction in Mexico"
Bank's World -- Vol. 9, Iss. 3	March 1, 1990	"Financing Package Restores Confidence in Mexican Economy"
Bank's World -- Vol. 9, Iss. 11	November 1, 1990	"Mexico: Back in Business After Brady"
Bank's World -- Vol. 10, Iss. 2	February 1, 1991	"Hydroelectric Power and Resettlement in Mexico - Salvaging the Dammed"
Bank's World -- Vol. 11, Iss. 5	May 1, 1992	"Cellular Phones Transform Telecommunications in Mexico"
Bank's World -- Vol. 11, Iss. 10	October 1, 1992	"A Mexican Success Story - APASCO's Bright Future Aided by IFC"
Bank's World -- Vol. 12, Iss. 6	June 1, 1993	"What's in a Name?"
Bank's World -- Vol. 12, Iss. 12	December 1, 1993	"The Bank and NAFTA - Bank Data Central to Treaty"
Bank's World -- Vol. 13, Iss. 8	August 1, 1994	"Mexico and the Bank Working Together on the Environment"
Bank's World -- Vol. 13, Iss. 9	September 1, 1994	"Autumn Exodus - The Monarch's Mexican Migration"
Bank's World -- Vol. 13, Iss. 10	October 1, 1994	"Irrigation study tours in Mexico"
Bank's World -- Vol. 14, Iss. 7	July 1, 1995	"Yini Bir Yorum - Que Padre! -- A Brief Tale of Two Countries"
Bank's World -- Vol. 1, Iss. 12	September 18, 1997	"\$1bn loan helps revive Mexico's banks"

Oral histories

Oral histories are selected from the World Bank Group Archives' [Oral History website](#). The site contains transcripts of oral history interviews with departed staff and, in lesser number, Executive Directors and other individuals affiliated with or impacted by the World Bank Group. Interviews were conducted as part of an ongoing effort by the Archives to collect the personal stories and reflections of Bank Group staff. A portion of the interviews were conducted as research for publications. Each transcript provides a valuable first-person account of Bank activities and decision-making from the very beginning of its operations.

Orvis Schmidt	July 10, 1961
Albert Waterston	May 14, 1985
Mervyn L. Weiner	July 16, 1986
Hans Binswanger	October 17, 1991
A. W. Clausen	June 8, 1992
Elkyn Chaparro	June 29, 1992
Nicholas C. Hope	September 30, 1992
Jean Baneth	October 6, 1992
Rainer Steckhan	December 29, 1992
Jonas H. Haralz	November 11, 1993
Richard H. Frank	June 6, 1997
Pieter P. Bottelier	January 7, 11, and 19, 1993

Online exhibits

Online exhibits are authored by World Bank Group staff and are accessible on both the Archives' [external site](#) and as a [series of older exhibits](#) in the Documents & Reports website. Exhibits focus on notable personalities and accomplishments in the Bank Group's history.

Title: [Seventh Annual Meetings of the Boards of Governors of the WBG and IMF, Mexico City, Sept. 1952 \(English\)](#)

Originally published: October 2009

Executive Directors

The list is based on the World Bank Group [Board of Directors website](#). The country following the name of each ED indicates their nationality.

MACHADO, Luis (Cuba)	May 7, 1946	October 31, 1948
TORO, Emilio, (Colombia)	November 15, 1948	October 31, 1950
DIEZ, Manuel Jose (Panama)	November 1, 1950	October 31, 1952
MACHADO, Luis (Cuba)	November 1, 1952	October 31, 1956
MACHADO, Luis (Cuba)	November 1, 1956	October 31, 1958
MACHADO, Luis (Cuba)	November 1, 1958	October 31, 1962
MACHADO, Luis (Cuba)	November 1, 1962	October 31, 1970

LAJOUS-Martinez, Adrian (Mexico)	November 1, 1970	October 31, 1972
UGUETO, Luis, (Venezuela)	November 1, 1972	June 15, 1974
GUARNIERI, Roberto, (Venezuela)	June 16, 1974	October 31, 1974
GAVIDIA Hidalgo, Vicente Amado, (El Salvador)	November 1, 1974	October 31, 1976
PESQUEIRA, Eduardo (Mexico)	November 1, 1976	October 31, 1978
MAYOBRE, Eduardo (Venezuela)	November 1, 1978	October 31, 1980
MUNS, Joaquin, (Spain)	November 1, 1980	October 31, 1982
AYALA-GONZALEZ, Patricio, (Mexico)	November 1, 1982	October 31, 1984
GONZALEZ, Leonor F. de (Venezuela)	November 1, 1984	October 31, 1986
RUBIO, Mercedes (Spain)	November 1, 1986	December 11, 1988
PINTO, Jorge, (Mexico)	December 12, 1988	October 31, 1990
NAIM, Moises (Venezuela)	November 1, 1990	October 31, 1992
TORRES, Angel (Spain)	November 1, 1992	October 31, 1994
TERRAZAS, Jorge, (Mexico)	November 1, 1994	October 31, 1996
DEL BUFALO, Enzo (Venezuela)	November 1, 1996	October 31, 1998
FERRER, Federico (Spain)	November 1, 1998	October 31, 2000
PINEDA, Moises A., (Mexico)	November 1, 2000	October 31, 2002
KUROWSKI, Per (Venezuela)	November 1, 2002	October 31, 2004 PD to November 14, 2004
MARTI, Luis, (Spain)	November 1, 2004	October 31, 2006
FAMILIAR, Jorge (Mexico)	November 1, 2006	October 31, 2008
ROJAS, Jose Alejandro (Venezuela)	November 1, 2008	October 31, 2010
GARCIA JAUREGUI, Marta, (also: GARCIA, Marta) (Spain)	November 1, 2011	October 31, 2012
BRAVO MOISES, Juan Jose (Mexico)	November 1, 2012	October 31, 2014
ROJAS, Jose Alejandro (Venezuela)	November 1, 2014	October 31, 2016
JIMENEZ, Fernando, (also: JIMENEZ LATORRE, Fernando), (Spain)	November 1, 2016	October 31, 2018
CARRIEDO, Rodrigo (also: CARRIEDO HARO, Rodrigo), (Mexico)	November 1, 2018	March 31, 2019 PD to April 7, 2019
CHAVEZ PRESA, Jorge Alejandro (Mexico)	April 1, 2019	October 31, 2020
VALLE MAESTRO, Eva (Spain)	November 1, 2020	present

For More Information

If you would like information or guidance on accessing more historic sources, we invite you to contact us by emailing archives@worldbank.org.