

Country Historic Profile: BOLIVIA

World Bank Group Archives

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Basic Historical Information

Membership days for each affiliate

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

- IBRD: December 27, 1945
- IDA: July 2, 1964
- IFC: July 20, 1956
- MIGA: October 3, 1991
- ICSID: not a member

First loan(s)

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

- July 24, 1964: [ENDE Power Project](#)
- July 24, 1964: [BPC Power Project](#)

Resident Mission establishment

Information taken from internal World Bank Group Archives resource.

- April 1, 1977

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 Bolivia](#)

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.

- [Bolivian 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 Bolivia Attend

July 1-22, 1944

IBRD Articles of Agreement Signed by Bolivia

December 27, 1945

First Bank Mission to Bolivia Announced

March 10, 1948

IFC Articles of Agreement Signed by Bolivia

July 20, 1956

IDA Articles of Agreement Signed by Bolivia

June 21, 1961

First Funding for Bolivia: BPC Power Project

July 24, 1964

Comprehensive Transport Survey in Bolivia Announced

April 11, 1967

Resident Missions in Bolivia Established

1977

First Consultative Group for Bolivia Meeting

May 22, 1977

Bolivia Suspends Debt Payments

May 3, 1984

First Operation Under Debt-Reduction Facility for IDA-Only Countries; \$9.1 million to Bolivia

March 1990

MIGA Articles of Agreement Signed by Bolivia

October 3, 1991

Bolivia Joins ICSID

July 23, 1995

HIPC Debt Relief Package for Bolivia Approved

September 10, 1997

Bolivia Pilot for Comprehensive Development Framework

June 18, 1999

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.

The history and present position of the external debt of Bolivia	July 15, 1950
Review of the report of the United Nations mission of technical assistance to Bolivia	January 7, 1952

Bolivia - The economy	September 30, 1961
Bolivia - Current economic position and prospects	July 31, 1964
Bolivia - Current economic situation and prospects	January 31, 1967
Bolivia - Current economic position and prospects	February 28, 1969
Bolivia - Current economic position and prospects	May 31, 1970
Bolivia - Current economic position and prospects	October 31, 1971
Bolivia - Current economic position and prospects	November 30, 1972
Bolivia - Current economic position and prospects	July 31, 1975
Bolivia - Economic memorandum	March 31, 1977
Bolivia - Economic memorandum	November 30, 1978
Bolivia - Structural constraints and development prospects	January 31, 1983
Bolivia - Economic memorandum	August 31, 1985
Bolivia - Updating economic memorandum	December 15, 1986
Bolivia - Updating economic memorandum: Bolivia - Updating Economic Memorandum	June 2, 1988
Bolivia - Country economic memorandum	September 15, 1989
Bolivia - Poverty report	October 3, 1990
Bolivia - From stabilization to sustained growth	October 1, 1991
Bolivia's answer to poverty, economic crisis, and adjustment: the emergency social fund	April 30, 1992
Bolivia - Structural reforms, fiscal impacts and economic growth	October 14, 1994

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	
Bolivia - Structural Adjustment Program Project	August 12, 1991
Bolivia - Municipal Sector Development Project	January 5, 1994
Stand-Alone Country Strategies	
Bolivia - Country assistance strategy	May 21, 1998

Bolivia - Country assistance strategy progress report	May 10, 2001
Bolivia - Country Assistance Strategy	January 8, 2004
Bolivia - Interim Strategy Note	October 24, 2006
Bolivia - Interim strategy note for the period FY2010-FY2011	April 9, 2009
Bolivia - Country partnership strategy for FY2012 - 2015	November 1, 2011
Bolivia - Country partnership strategy progress report for the period FY2012-2015	January 21, 2014
Bolivia - Country partnership framework for the period FY16-FY20	November 4, 2015
Bolivia - Performance and Learning Review of the Country Partnership Framework for the Period FY2016-2020	May 31, 2018

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.

Bank notes	September 1, 1978	"Mission's work in Bolivia is rewarding; resolves critical problems, says Res Rep"
Bank's World -- Vol. 2, Iss. 8	August 1, 1983	"Consultant Lives at Sites to Gain Insight into Bank Projects - Urban Planning Comes to Life"
Bank's world -- Vol. 5, Iss. 6	June, 1986	"Bolivia's Bolsin: economic reform in action"
Bank's World -- Vol. 1, Iss. 8	June 3, 1997	"Bolivian people given chance to be partners"
Bank's World -- Vol. 3, Iss. 1	January 1, 1999	"Bolivia shows that stabilization is not enough"
Bank's World -- Vol. 4, Iss. 2	February 1, 2000	"Strategic Forum 2000: Setting Priorities for Coming Year "

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.

Marcelo Selowsky	February 19, 1992
Dennis N. de Tray	February 15 and 21, and March 22, 2006

Katherine Marshall	January 30 and 31, 2007
Ana-Maria Arriagada	December 11, 2007
Connie Bernard	October 20, 2016

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.

None.

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.

MOLLER, Victor (Chile)	May 7, 1946	October 8, 1948
BARREDA-MOLLER, Jose, (Peru)	November 1, 1948	October 31, 1950
PEREZ-CHIRIBOGA, Guillermo, (Ecuador)	November 1, 1950	October 31, 1952
FERNANDEZ, Alfonso, (Chile)	November 1, 1952	October 31, 1954
MEJIA-PALACIO, Jorge, (Colombia)	November 1, 1954	October 31, 1956
PANE, Victor A., (Paraguay)	November 1, 1956	October 31, 1958
BRIGNONE, Carlos S. (Argentina)	November 19, 1958	October 31, 1960
HAUS-SOLIS, Juan (Bolivia)	November 1, 1960	October 31, 1962
ILLANES, Fernando (Chile)	November 1, 1962	October 31, 1964
SAN MIGUEL, Manuel (Argentina)	November 9, 1964	October 31, 1966
ESCOBAR, Luis, (Chile)	November 1, 1966	October 31, 1968
CARAM, Angel R., (Argentina)	November 1, 1968	October 31, 1970
MEY, Luis B. (Argentina)	November 1, 1970	October 31, 1972
TERSOGLIO, Jorge L. (Argentina)	January 11, 1972	April 5, 1974
GAVALDA, Roberto (Argentina)	April 6, 1974	October 31, 1974
BARRIOS TASSANO, Luis, (Uruguay)	November 1, 1974	October 31, 1976
GUTIERREZ, Julio C., (Paraguay)	November 1, 1976	October 31, 1978
SOLA, Angel Alberto (Argentina)	November 1, 1978	October 31, 1980
BLANCO, David, (Bolivia)	November 1, 1980	October 31, 1982
ZALDUENDO, Eduardo (Argentina)	November 1, 1982	October 31, 1984
CORTI, Carlos (Uruguay)	November 1, 1984	June 30, 1985
COATES, Kenneth (Uruguay)	July 1, 1985	October 31, 1986
CAMARASA, Felix, A., (Argentina)	November 1, 1986	October 31, 1988
MORALES, Raymundo, (Peru)	November 1, 1988	October 31, 1990
CAMARASA, Felix, A., (Argentina)	November 1, 1990	October 31, 1992
FLANO, Nicolas, (Chile)	November 1, 1992	October 31, 1994
NOGUES, Julio (Argentina)	November 1, 1994	October 31, 1996
CARIAGA, Juan, (Bolivia)	November 1, 1996	October 31, 1998
GARCIA, Valeriano, (Argentina)	November 1, 1998	October 31, 2000

SOTO-PLATERO, Mario, (Uruguay)	November 1, 2000	October 31, 2002 PD to November 14, 2002
GUADAGNI, Alieto (Argentina)	November 1, 2002	October 31, 2004
QUIJANDRIA, Jaime, (Peru)	November 1, 2004	October 31, 2006
CAMARASA, Felix, A., (Argentina)	November 1, 2006	October 31, 2008
CONTRERAS, Dante, (Chile)	November 1, 2008	October 31, 2010
CAMARASA, Felix, A., (Argentina)	November 1, 2010	November 7, 2012
FORCIERI, Cesar Guido, (Argentina)	November 1, 2012	October 31, 2014
FOXLEY, Alejandro, (Chile)	November 1, 2014	October 31, 2016 PD to November 7, 2018
TORERO, Maximo (Peru)	November 1, 2016	October 31, 2018
FERNANDEZ, Adrian (Uruguay)	November 1, 2018	October 31, 2020
MEDINA, Monica Eliana, (also: MEDINA TRIVEÑO, Monica Eliana), (Peru)	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.