

# Country Historic Profile: GUATEMALA

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## Basic Historical Information

### Membership days for each affiliate

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

- IBRD: December 28, 1945
- IDA: April 27, 1961
- IFC: July 20, 1956
- MIGA: July 11, 1996
- ICSID: February 20, 2003

### First loan(s)

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

- July 29, 1955: [Highway Project](#)

### Resident Mission establishment

Information taken from internal World Bank Group Archives resource.

- February 11, 1955

### 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](mailto:archives@worldbank.org).

- [Historical photos related to Guatemala](#)

### 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](mailto:archives@worldbank.org) for guidance.

- [Guatemala 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](mailto:archives@worldbank.org) for guidance.

#### **IBRD Articles of Agreement Signed by Guatemala**

December 28, 1945

#### **McCloy to Visit Central America, Including Guatemala**

November 10, 1948

#### **Bank General Survey Mission to Guatemala Arrives**

June 14, 1950

#### **Guatemala Mission Report Made Public**

July 3, 1951

#### **First Funding for Guatemala**

July 29, 1955

#### **IFC Articles of Agreement Signed by Guatemala**

July 20, 1956

#### **IDA Articles of Agreement Signed by Guatemala**

April 27, 1961

**Agreement for Comprehensive Study of Electric Power and Irrigation in Guatemala**

August 2, 1961

**Bank Economic Mission to Central America Announced**

April 19, 1966

**Bank Approves National Reconstruction Loans for Guatemala**

July 16, 1976

**MIGA Articles of Agreement Signed by Guatemala**

July 11, 1996

**Bank Congratulates Guatemala on Peace Accords**

January 17, 1997

**Wolfensohn Visit to Central America Announced; Trip to Include Guatemala**

February 26, 1998

**ICSID Articles of Agreement Signed by Guatemala**

February 20, 2003

**World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz to Visit Mexico and Guatemala**

April 24, 2006

**World Bank Support for the Improvement of Policies in Guatemala**

October 21, 2008

**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.

<a href="#">The economic development of Guatemala : the report of a mission</a>	January 1, 1951
<a href="#">Guatemala - Current economic position and prospects</a>	February 28, 1955
<a href="#">The reports of the Bank's general survey missions - a synthesis</a>	March 31, 1956
<a href="#">Guatemala - Current economic position and prospects</a>	February 28, 1957
<a href="#">Forecasting of financial resources for public - investment; an analysis and appraisal of the forecasts of the Bank's survey missions</a>	July 31, 1959
<a href="#">Guatemala - The economy</a>	December 31, 1962
<a href="#">Guatemala - Current economic position and prospects</a>	April 30, 1965
<a href="#">Guatemala - Current economic position and prospects</a>	May 31, 1968
<a href="#">Guatemala - Current economic position and prospects</a>	December 17, 1970
<a href="#">Guatemala - Current economic position and prospects (Vol. 2)</a>	December 17, 1970
<a href="#">Guatemala - Memorandum on recent economic developments and prospects</a>	November 30, 1971
<a href="#">Guatemala - Recent economic development and prospects</a>	September 30, 1973
<a href="#">Guatemala - Memorandum on recent economic development and prospects</a>	March 31, 1975
<a href="#">Guatemala - Current economic and social position and prospects</a>	December 31, 1977
<a href="#">Guatemala - Country economic memorandum</a>	February 29, 1980
<a href="#">Guatemala - Country economic memorandum (Vol. 2) : Statistical appendix</a>	May 31, 1983
<a href="#">Guatemala - Country economic memorandum : Volume 1</a>	May 31, 1983
<a href="#">Guatemala - Country economic memorandum (Vol. 3) : Public sector investment project list</a>	May 31, 1983
<a href="#">Guatemala - Economic situation and prospects</a>	January 16, 1987

## 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.

<b>Country Strategies Included within Project Documents</b>	
<a href="#">Guatemala - Economic Modernization Loan Project</a>	November 2, 1992
<b>Stand-Alone Country Strategies</b>	
<a href="#">Guatemala - Country assistance strategy</a>	May 5, 1995
<a href="#">Guatemala - Country assistance strategy</a>	June 19, 1998
<a href="#">Guatemala - Country assistance strategy progress report</a>	May 31, 2002
<a href="#">Guatemala - Country Assistance Strategy</a>	April 11, 2005
<a href="#">Guatemala - Country Assistance Strategy Progress Report</a>	February 14, 2007
<a href="#">Guatemala - Country partnership strategy</a>	August 5, 2008
<a href="#">Guatemala - Country partnership strategy progress report</a>	July 28, 2010
<a href="#">Guatemala - Country partnership strategy for the period FY2013-2016</a>	August 17, 2012

<a href="#">Guatemala - Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) for the period FY2013-2016</a>	September 2, 2015
<a href="#">Guatemala - Performance and Learning Review for the Country Partnership Framework for the Period FY17-20</a>	September 25, 2019

## 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.

<a href="#">International Bank Notes -- Vol. 12, Iss. 4</a>	April 1, 1958	"Indian story: Guatemala"
	December 1, 1994	"Guatemala's Urban Poor Become Their Own Task Managers"
<a href="#">Bank's World -- Vol. 1, Iss. 2</a>	November 25, 1996	"Three Days in Huehuetenango - Bank meets Mayan culture in Guatemala"
<a href="#">Bank's World -- Vol. 2, Iss. 4</a>	March 23, 1998	"Bank helps to heal Guatemala's scars"
<a href="#">Bank's World -- Vol. 3, Iss. 9</a>	October 1, 1999	"Bringing Justice to Santa Eulalia"

## 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.

David L. Gordon	<a href="#">July 24, 1986</a>
Marcelo Selowsky	<a href="#">February 19, 1992</a>
Robert Goodland	<a href="#">January 26, 2005</a>

## 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
TORO, Emilio, (Colombia)	November 15, 1948	October 31, 1950
PEREZ-CHIRIBOGA, Guillermo, (Ecuador)	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](mailto:archives@worldbank.org).