

Country Historic Profile: CHILE

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 31, 1945
- IDA: December 30, 1960
- IFC: April 15, 1957
- MIGA: April 12, 1988
- ICSID: October 24, 1991

First loan(s)

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

- March 25, 1948: [Power and Irrigation Project](#)
- March 25, 1948: [Agricultural Machinery Project](#)

Resident Mission establishment

Information taken from internal World Bank Group Archives resource.

- April 15, 1962

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 Chile](#)

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.

- [Chilean 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 Chile Attend

July 1-22, 1944

IBRD Articles of Agreement Signed by Chile

December 31, 1945

First Expression of Interest in Bank Loans from Chile

October 14, 1946

Bank Mission to Chile

December 5, 1947

First Funding for Chile: Power and Irrigation Project and Agricultural Machinery Project

March 25, 1948

Bank Announces Agricultural Study Mission to Chile

May 26, 1951

Report of Agricultural Survey Mission to Chile Released

December 1, 1952

IFC Articles of Agreement Signed by Chile

April 15, 1957

Appeal to Staff for Donations to Chilean Disaster Relief

June 1, 1960

IDA Articles of Agreement Signed by Chile

December 30, 1960

Special Mission to Chile to Review Ten-Year Economic Development Program Announced

May 25, 1961

MIGA Articles of Agreement Signed by Chile

April 12, 1988

Chile Joins ICSID

October 24, 1991

IFC Releases Independent Review of the Chilean Pangué Hydroelectric Project

July 16, 1997

First Bond Issue in Chilean Pesos Announced

May 31, 2000

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.

[UN proposes new international organization to offer low-interest loans](#)

April 12, 1949

[United Nations Fund for Economic Development \(SUNFED\) proposed](#)

March 18, 1953

[First IDA credit approved](#)

May 12, 1961

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.

Considerations on the bank's policy toward Chile	January 25, 1950
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Chile's creditworthiness	February 8, 1950
Development programming with special reference to Chile	November 13, 1950
Chile creditworthiness	November 13, 1950
Economic positions of Chile	August 28, 1951
Chile - Economic position and prospects	September 30, 1953
Chile - Recent financial developments and economic prospects	October 31, 1956
Chile - Current economic position and prospects	April 30, 1957
Chile - Recent financial developments	February 28, 1958
Chile - Economic position and prospects	December 31, 1959
Chile - Current economic position and prospects	June 30, 1961
Chile - Review of ten-year national development program: The General Report, chapters 1-3	April 9, 1962
Chile - Current economic position and prospects	July 31, 1963
Development of a capital market in Chile	January 19, 1965
Chile - Current economic position and prospects: Main report	August 22, 1966
Chile - Current economic position and prospects: Main report	September 10, 1970
Chile - Special report on the economic outlook: Main Report	October 18, 1974
Chile - Economic memorandum	December 31, 1975
Chile - An economy in transition: Main Report	June 21, 1979
Chile - Economic memorandum	September 30, 1981
Chile - An economic memorandum	September 30, 1984
Chile - Adjustment and recovery	December 21, 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.

Chile - Country assistance strategy	April 17, 1995
Chile - Country assistance strategy	January 23, 2002
Chile - Country Partnership Strategy	April 24, 2007
Chile - Country partnership strategy progress report	September 29, 2009
Chile - Country partnership strategy for the period FY11-FY16	January 11, 2011
Chile - Performance and learning review of the country partnership strategy for the period FY2011-16	January 22, 2015

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. 10	June 1, 1949	"A Visit to Chile"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 3, Iss. 16	August 15, 1949	"Mission to Alexandria"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 5, Iss. 7	June 25, 1951	"...Not By Loans Alone"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 15, Iss. 2	February 1, 1961	"Power from the Andes"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 15, Iss. 8	August 1, 1961	"Newsprint - Chile's new industry"

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.

Siem Aldewereld	July 13, 1961
Luis Machado	July 18, 1961
Robert Garner	July 19, 1961
Mary Wolfe	December 13, 1984
Gerald Alter	November 13, 1990
Elkyn Chaparro	June 29, 1992
Einar Magnussen	October 14, 1992
William S. Ryrie	August 10 and September 17, 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: [World Bank's First Development Loans to Chile, 1948 \(English\)](#)

Originally published: January 2007

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
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.