

Country Historic Profile: BRAZIL

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: January 14, 1946
- IDA: March 15, 1963
- IFC: December 31, 1956
- MIGA: January 7, 1993
- ICSID: not a member

First loan(s)

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

- January 27, 1949: [Power and Telephone Project](#)

Resident Mission establishment

Information taken from internal World Bank Group Archives resource.

- 1965 (Rio de Janeiro)
- 1971 (Brasilia)
- 1974 (Recife)
- April 14, 1987 (Brasilia)

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 Brazil](#)

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.

- [Brazilian 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 Brazil Attend

July 1-22, 1944

IBRD Articles of Agreement Signed by Brazil

January 14, 1946

First Bank Mission to Brazil

July 16, 1947

First Loan to Brazil Signed

January 27, 1949

Bank Sends General Economic and Financial Mission to Brazil

October 11, 1949

President Black Arrives in Rio de Janeiro

November 9, 1951

IFC Articles of Agreement Signed by Brazil

December 31, 1956

Bank Approves Brazil Loan for Largest Hydroelectric Project ever Undertaken in Latin America

October 3, 1958

IDA Articles of Agreement Signed by Brazil

March 15, 1963

Bank Economic Mission to Arrives in Brazil

October 4, 1964

Two Resident Missions Established

1965

First Consultative Group for Brazil Meeting

July 20, 1966

Bank Establishes Resident Missions in Brasilia, Brazil; Nepal; and Ghana.

1971

Bank Establishes Resident Missions in Recife, Brazil; Venezuela; and Zambia

1974

Resident Mission in Brasilia, Brazil, Established

April 15, 1987

MIGA Articles of Agreement Signed by Brazil

January 7, 1993

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.

[IFC makes its first investment](#)

June 20, 1957

[IDA's sixth replenishment includes seven new country donors](#)

August 24, 1981

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.

Brazil - Country study	February 29, 1948
Direct foreign investments in Brazil	April 9, 1948
Brazil - Current economic conditions	June 20, 1952
Brazil - Current economic conditions and prospects	April 30, 1953
Brazil - Notes on recent economic developments	December 31, 1953
Report on the economy of Brazil	January 5, 1954
Brazil - Current economic conditions and prospects	July 31, 1954
Brazil - Current economic position and prospects	January 31, 1958
Brazil - Current economic position and prospects: Main report	May 11, 1965
Brazil - Current economic position and prospects: Main report	June 14, 1966
Brazil - Current economic position and prospects: Main report	September 27, 1968
Brazil - Current economic position and prospects: The main report	December 19, 1969
Brazil - Current economic position and prospects: Main report	January 22, 1971
Brazil - Current economic position and prospects: Main report	November 30, 1971
Brazil - Economic and social development: Main report	March 12, 1973
Brazil - Economic position and prospects: Main report	June 20, 1974
Brazil - Economic memorandum	July 31, 1975
Brazil - Economic memorandum: Main report	January 26, 1977
Brazil - Economic memorandum	October 31, 1977
Brazil - Economic memorandum	March 31, 1979
Brazil - Country economic memorandum	May 29, 1981
Brazil - Country economic memorandum	August 31, 1983
Brazil - Country economic memorandum: Main Report	February 28, 1985
Brazil - An assessment of the current macroeconomic situation: Main Report	December 31, 1987
Brazil - An assessment of the current macroeconomic situation: Main report	December 31, 1988
Brazil - Economic stabilization with structural reforms	January 31, 1991
Brazil - Poverty assessment: Main report	June 27, 1995
Brazil - Poverty assessment (Vol. 2): Annexes	June 27, 1995

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

Brazil - Rio de Janeiro Metropolitan Transport Decentralization Project	May 20, 1993
Stand-Alone Country Strategies	
Brazil - Country assistance strategy	June 6, 1995
Brazil - Country Assistance Strategy	June 12, 1997
Brazil - Joint country assistance strategy progress report	May 6, 1998
Brazil - Country assistance strategy	March 6, 2000
Brazil - Country assistance strategy progress report	May 1, 2001
Brazil - Country assistance strategy progress report	May 20, 2002
Brazil - Country Assistance Strategy	November 10, 2003
Brazil - Country Assistance Strategy Progress Report	May 8, 2006
Brazil - Country assistance strategy	May 6, 2008
Brazil - Country partnership strategy progress report for the period FY2008-2011	March 11, 2010
Brazil - Country Partnership Strategy (CPS) for the period FY2012-2015	September 21, 2011
Brazil - Country Partnership Strategy Progress Report	July 24, 2014
Brazil - Country partnership framework for the period FY18 - FY23	May 16, 2017

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. 16	August 15, 1949	"Mission to Alexandria"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 4, Iss. 1	January 1, 1950	"Weekend in Goyaz"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 4, Iss. 7	April 1, 1950	"The Bank's Money at Work in Brazil"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 4, Iss. 12	June 15, 1950	"Signing of \$15,000,000 Loan, on May 26, 1950 to the Sao Francisco Hydroelectric Company of Brazil"
International Bank Notes -- Vol. 8, Iss. 3	March 1, 1954	No title - "Photos - Power projects and new loan to Brazil"
Bank Notes -- Vol. 1, Iss. 7	June 1, 1972	"World's Last Land Frontier - Brazil's conquest of Amazonia"
Bank Notes -- Vol. 2, Iss. 4	February 1, 1973	"Caqueta Rewards Sturdy - Rugged but Not Grim"
Bank Notes	November 1, 1977	"Brazil - 500 kV Salto Santiago Transmission Project"

Bank Notes	February 1, 1979	"Bank's Recife office is "one of a kind""
Bank Notes	January 1, 1980	"Meeting Basic Needs in Brazil"
Bank's World -- Vol. 1, Iss. 5	May 1, 1982	"Surprise ending for a World Bank film - A wheelchair for Josemir"
Bank's World -- Vol. 3, Iss. 7	July 1, 1984	"Novel solution cuts Brazil's oil imports - Rio's cars run on alcohol"
Bank's World -- Vol. 8, Iss. 4	April 1, 1989	"From Bedlam to Boardroom in 100 Days"
Bank's World -- Vol. 10, Iss. 6	June 1, 1991	"'The Forest Lives and Breathes' - The Rainforest Guests"
Bank's World -- Vol. 2, Iss. 6	April 28, 1998	"Bank-WWF ally to protect Amazonia"

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.

J. Burke Knapp	July 1, 1961
Leonard Rist	July 19, 1961
Barend de Vries	July 21, 1986
Gerald Alter	November 13, 1990
Guy Pfeffermann	January 14, 1992
Sven Burmeister, Leif Christoffersen, and Caio Koch Weser and Oliver Lafourcade	September 29, 1992
Syed Shahid Husain	March 18, April 20, and June 14, 1994
J. Burke Knapp	October 22, 1990, June 26, 1991, September 24 and 25, 1992, and October 10, 1995
Bernhard H. Liese	April 9 and 17, 2008
Daniel R. Gross	April 30, 2008
Davidson Sommers	August 2, 1961
Jim Coates	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.

Title: [First Loan for Pollution Control, Brazil](#)

Originally published: April 2006

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
MEJIA-PALACIO, Jorge, (Colombia)	November 1, 1956	October 31, 1960
MEJIA-PALACIO, Jorge, (Colombia)	November 1, 1960	October 31, 1962
MEJIA-PALACIO, Jorge, (Colombia)	November 1, 1962	October 31, 1968
BARCO, Virgilio, (Colombia)	November 1, 1968	October 31, 1974
FRANCO-HOLGUIN, Ernesto, (also: FRANCO, Ernesto), (Colombia)	November 1, 1974	March 31, 1979
MAPA, Placido L., Jr. (Philippines)	April 1, 1979	October 31, 1980
CONSTAIN, Guillermo, (Colombia)	November 1, 1980	February 4, 1981
GARCIA-PARRA, Jaime (Colombia)	February 5, 1981	July 31, 1982
ROMUALDEZ, Antonio V. (Philippines)	August 1, 1982	October 31, 1984
GUTIERREZ-CASTRO, Edgar (Colombia)	November 1, 1984	October 31, 1986
MALAN, Pedro S. (Brazil)	November 1, 1986	October 31, 1988
WIESNER, Eduardo (Colombia)	November 1, 1988	October 31, 1990
LEUNG, Ernest (Philippines)	November 1, 1990	October 31, 1992
MALAN, Pedro S. (Brazil)	November 1, 1992	October 30, 1993
DE PAIVA, Marcos Caramuru, (Brazil)	November 1, 1993	October 31, 1996
AMATONG, Juanita D. (Philippines)	November 1, 1996	October 31, 1998
PORTUGAL, Murilo, (Brazil)	November 1, 1998	October 31, 2000
RUIZ, Jaime, (Colombia)	November 1, 2000	October 31, 2002, PD to November 8, 2002
BIER, Amaury, (Brazil)	November 1, 2002	January 5, 2004 PD to January 9, 2004
CANUTO, Otaviano, (Brazil)	January 5, 2004	October 31, 2006
CANUTO, Otaviano, (Brazil)	November 1, 2006	May 31, 2007
STUDART, Rogerio, (Brazil)	June 20, 2007	October 31, 2008
BOTERO, JORGE (Colombia)	November 1, 2008	April 8, 2009 PD to April 19, 2009

RENTERIA, Carolina, (also: RENTERIA RODRIGUEZ, Carolina), (Colombia)	April 9, 2009	October 31, 2010
STUDART, Rogerio, (Brazil)	November 1, 2010	October 31, 2012
TAN, Roberto (Philippines)	November 1, 2012	October 31, 2014
SILVEIRA, Antonio Henrique, (also: PINHEIRO SILVEIRA, Antonio Henrique), (Brazil)	November 1, 2014	June 30, 2016
CANUTO, Otaviano, (Brazil)	July 1, 2016	October 31, 2018 PD to November 7, 2018
KANCZUK, Fabio, (Brazil)	November 1, 2018	December 3, 2019
WEINTRAUB, Abraham, (Brazil)	(blank)	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.