

Languages

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Education

Law Degree, Universidad Colegio Mayor del Rosario, Colombia.

Experience

Dr. Vargas is currently the President of Enel Colombia, a leading company in the generation and distribution of electricity in Colombia. As of 2016, he serves as Director of Enel Americas, responsible for controlling the group's investments in Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Peru, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Panama.

Since 2017 has been a member of the Colombian Institute of Corporate Governance, of which he is a founder.

Dr. Vargas is currently also President of the Italian Chamber of Commerce for Colombia and President of the Association for the Progress of Management (APD), which brings together several of the most representative companies in industry and services in the country. He is a permanent guest at the most important forums and congresses in the energy sector.

He has been linked to companies in the energy sector for more than 25 years, particularly in the gas, coal and electricity industries. Between 1999 and 2006 he was the General Manager of Empresa de Energía de Bogotá (GEB). In the international arena, he has been Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Regional Energy Integration Commission (CIER); he is also Chairman of the Program Committee of the World Energy Council and Chairman of the Colombian Committee of the WEC. For more than 20 years he has been a university professor in International Relations, Public Utilities Law and Corporate Governance.

Between 1996 and 1997 he served as Secretary General of the Presidency of the Republic of Colombia (Minister of the Presidency). In the international arena, he was Colombia's trade representative in Spain and Mediterranean Europe between 1991 and 1993. He was also Ambassador of Colombia to the European Union, the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg between 1997 and 1998.

Mr. Vargas has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Colombian Agency for the promotion of exports, also Director of the Colombian Agency for the promotion of foreign investment, of the Empresa de Acueducto y Alcantarillado de Bogotá (EAAB) and of non-profit foundations for the promotion of arts and culture.