

## Country Historic Profile: COSTA RICA

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 8, 1946
- IDA: June 30, 1961
- IFC: July 20, 1956
- MIGA: February 8, 1994
- ICSID: May 27, 1993

#### First loan(s)

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

- September 18, 1956: [Capital Goods Importation Credit Project](#)

#### Resident Mission establishment

Information taken from internal World Bank Group Archives resource.

- May 1, 1994

#### 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 Costa Rica](#)

#### 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.

- [Costa Rica 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.

#### **Bretton Woods Conference; Representatives of Costa Rica Attend**

July 1-22, 1944

#### **IBRD Articles of Agreement Signed by Costa Rica**

January 8, 1946

#### **Costa Rica Agrees in Principle to the Use of Its 18 percent Paid-In Currency for Bank Lending Operations**

June 5, 1950

#### **First Bank Mission to Costa Rica**

October 19, 1951

#### **IFC Articles of Agreement Signed by Costa Rica**

July 20, 1956

#### **First Funding for Costa Rica**

September 18, 1956

### **IDA Articles of Agreement Signed by Costa Rica**

June 30, 1961

### **Costa Rica Joins ICSID**

May 27, 1993

### **MIGA Articles of Agreement Signed by Costa Rica**

February 8, 1994

### **Costa Rica-World Bank: New Partnership**

September 4, 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.

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| <a href="#">Report on the projects submitted by Costa Rican Government</a>                  | November 19, 1948  |
| <a href="#">Report on the economy of Costa Rica</a>   | November 19, 1948  |
| <a href="#">The economic position and creditworthiness of Costa Rica</a>                    | January 22, 1952   |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Current economic position and prospects</a>                        | August 31, 1954    |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Recent developments in the economy</a>                             | September 30, 1956 |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Current economic position and prospects</a>                        | February 28, 1957  |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Recent economic developments</a>                                   | February 28, 1958  |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Current economic position and prospects</a>                        | March 31, 1960     |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Current economic position and prospects</a>                        | August 31, 1961    |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Current economic position and prospects</a>                        | May 31, 1963       |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Current economic position and prospects</a>                        | February 28, 1965  |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Financing of public investment programs 1965-1968: Main report</a> | February 15, 1966  |

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| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Financing of public investment programs 1965-1968 (Vol. 2): Annex 3: the educational system of Costa Rica and its finances</a> | February 15, 1966 |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Current economic position and prospects</a>  | November 30, 1968 |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Current economic position and prospects</a>  | July 31, 1971     |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Memorandum on recent economic developments and prospects</a>   | May 31, 1972      |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Economic report: Main report</a>   | March 15, 1974    |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Economic report (Vol. 2): Statistical appendix</a>   | March 15, 1974    |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Economic memorandum on the current economic situation and prospects</a>  | December 31, 1975 |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Economic position and prospects</a>  | November 30, 1977 |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Trade incentives and export diversification</a>  | November 30, 1980 |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Current economic position and prospects</a>  | November 30, 1980 |
| <a href="#">Poverty in Latin America: the impact of depression</a>  | August 6, 1986    |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Country economic memorandum</a>  | December 6, 1988  |

## 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.

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| <b>Country Strategies Included within Project Documents</b>  |                  |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Third Structural Adjustment Loan Project</a>                                  | March 10, 1993   |
| <b>Stand-Alone Country strategies</b>  |                  |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Country partnership strategy</a>  | April 20, 2004   |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Country partnership strategy progress report</a>                              | October 26, 2006 |
| Costa Rica - Country Partnership strategy  | July 25, 2008    |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Country partnership strategy for the period FY2012 - FY2015</a>               | June 10, 2011    |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Country partnership strategy progress report for the period FY2012-FY2015</a> | January 31, 2014 |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Country partnership framework for the period FY2016-20</a>                    | April 23, 2015   |
| <a href="#">Costa Rica - Performance and Learning Review for the Period FY16-20</a>                    | December 6, 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.

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| <a href="#">Bank's World -- Vol. 14, Iss. 11</a> | November 1, 1995 | "Lessons from New Zealand - What do Costa Rica and New Zealand have in common? More than you might think" |
| <a href="#">Bank's World -- Vol. 4, Iss. 5</a>   | May 1, 2000      | "Trash into Art in Costa Rica - Kids check out work on display at Bank HQ"                                |

## 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.

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| William Diamond | <a href="#">July 17 and 22, 1986</a> |
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## 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 |
| DIEZ, Manuel Jose (Panama)                    | 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 |

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|---|-------------------|---|
| 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<br>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<br>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).