

Biographies of speakers



José Luis Gutiérrez-Ossio, Integrated rural development at river basin level project (PROCUENCA), GIZ Bolivia

José Luis Gutiérrez-Ossio is a civil engineer with a master's degree in photogrammetry and geographic information systems. He has been working in the adaptation to climate change field for many years contributing to design adaptation projects, monitoring and evaluation systems, and training on the scientific bases of climate change and on the use of different tools to mainstream adaptation to climate change on developing projects. José Luis worked for the public and private institutions, as well as for international cooperation programs

and projects financed by World Bank and GIZ.



Luis Dominguez-Granda, Nature Based Solutions for Urban Flood Resilience at the delta city of Guayaquil, Ecuador.

Luis Dominguez-Granda (Ph.D.) is a professor at Escuela Superior Politecnica del Litoral (ESPOL), working with the water sector for 15 years. Founder member of the national chapter of IWA in Ecuador. Holder of the B-IWA Development Collaboration Award 2020. Since 2009 is the Director of the Center for Water and Sustainable Development at ESPOL. As a professional in the water sector, has been leading collaborative

research and development projects in association with international partners. Most recent projects under his direction deal with Integral Measures for Flood Mitigation in Guayaquil City (in collaboration with Deltares, Netherlands) and the project "Water Management and Climate Change in the Focus of International Master Programs" (WATERMAS) (supported by ERASMUS+ and implemented by an international consortium from Belgium, Germany, Cuba and Ecuador).



Mónica Menéndez, Project Planning and Cooperation Adviser to the Municipality of Guayaquil

Mónica is a Social Communicator specialized in Comprehensive Social Management from the field of development of public and private institutional capacities, with an emphasis on situational strategic planning. She has a master's degree in International Sciences, also Humanitarian Aid and is terminating the doctorate in Organizational Communication, that have consolidated her capacity to manage social development programs and projects with a focus on North-South international cooperation, especially with agencies, organizations for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Assistance. Mónica is currently working as a project planning and cooperation advisor to the local government of the municipality of Guayaquil, in charge of coordinating multilateral cooperation programs applied to sub-national government projects and international organizations.



Carlos Saavedra, Integrated rural development at river basin level Project (PROCUENCA), GIZ Bolivia.

Carlos Saavedra is an agricultural engineer with more than fifteen years of experience in both development cooperation and research. He holds a PhD and MSc on water resources and environmental management. He currently leads the Water Governance component of PROCUENCA. His work combines the technical elements of water resources and land management with climate change, ecosystem restoration and rural and urban resilience. He combines his areas of expertise across different scales from national to local. Carlos has worked at various institutions and bilateral agencies including San Simon University (Bolivia) Twente University (Netherlands), FAO (Bolivia and Kenya), World Bank, Helvetas, Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC) and lately at GIZ.