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Civil Engineer with experience in strategic planning, infrastructure consulting, and construction project procedures and permitting. Professionally, he has held senior positions at the Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MOPT), including Director General of the Department of Public Works, and has also served as a consultant in the private sector. He has held leadership positions in several professional organizations, including the Federated College of Engineers and Architects of Costa Rica (CFIA), the College of Civil Engineers (CIC), UPADI, and FECOPROU. He has been actively involved in accreditation processes and international organizations. His professional career has demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing engineering, infrastructure, and national development in Costa Rica and abroad. President-Elect of UPADI for 2027–2029 (Pan American Union of Engineering Associations).

ACADEMIC BACKGROUND

- **[1998]** Training as a Conciliator, Center for Mediation and Arbitration (CEMEDAR).
- **[1989]** Advanced Studies in Occupational Health and Safety, Instituto Sueco de Investigación en Tránsito, Linköping, Sweden.
- **[1985]** Licentiate Degree in Civil Engineering, Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR).

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- **[1979–1991]** Ministry of Public Works and Transport (MOPT) — Held various positions, including Deputy Director of Traffic Engineering (1987–1988), Director General of Road Safety (1988–1990), and Director of the Sectoral Transport Project (1990–1991).
- **[1992]** Independent Consultant in Traffic Engineering and Transportation.
- **[2003–2021]** Executive Director, Federated College of Engineers and Architects of Costa Rica (CFIA).
- **[2023–2024]** President, College of Civil Engineers (CIC).
- **[2023–2024]** President, Federated College of Engineers and Architects of Costa Rica (CFIA).
- **[1999]** President, Federation of University Professional Associations of Costa Rica.
- **[2000]** Appointed Arbitrator and Arbitrator for Alternative Dispute Resolution (RAC–CFIA).
- **[2022]** General Manager, OVZ Consultores S.A.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- **[2000–2003]** Dean, School of Engineering, Universidad Latina de Costa Rica.
- **[1997–2002]** Professor, Universidad Latina de Costa Rica.
- **[1985–1987]** Professor, Universidad de Costa Rica (UCR).
- **[1988–1991]** Professor, Universidad Nacional.