

LATIN AMERICAN COLLOQUIUM

**POWERING FUTURE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:
AUSTRALIA AND LATIN AMERICAN PARTNERSHIPS AND INNOVATION**

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UQ Global Engagement would like to express sincere thanks to speakers, UQ Colleagues and all others, who have contributed to the development and delivery of this year's Colloquium program.

A special mention must be made of the Latin American Diplomatic Corp, Mr José Blanco, Chair of the Australia Latin America Business Council, Professor Tim McClennan, member of the COALAR Board, and Mr Brett Hackett from the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, for their counsel and continued support.

WELCOME

Message from Professor Peter Høj

President and Vice-Chancellor, The University of Queensland

Welcome to the 9th UQ-Latin American Colloquium.

With support from the Council on Australia Latin America Relations (COALAR), The University of Queensland (UQ) is pleased to have been able to expand the Colloquium this year to offer a full day program with the theme of Powering Future Economic Development: Australia and Latin American Partnerships and Innovation.

At UQ, we see global collaboration as a vehicle for innovation. Successful innovation almost always relies on national and international partners outside universities, who understand the needs of their communities and have effective records of delivery. This goal of encouraging and enabling partnerships is a key driver of this Colloquium and UQ's global strategy.

Within the Colloquium's framework and theme, the keynote addresses will focus on the future of economic engagement with the Latin American region. As we consider economic development for the coming decade, it is evident that the priorities and challenges for Latin America — food security, water, energy, health, ageing, sustainability and building workforce capacity and capabilities — reflect those of many other regions, including our own. Latin America has a growing population, coupled with a need to invest in education, infrastructure and effectively manage resources.

Australia, and UQ, are well positioned to support solutions to these challenges, as demonstrated by today's sessions which focus on many of the broad social, economic and policy issues that Latin America and Australia will face in years to come. Topics include Latin American alliances and mechanisms for integration, Indigenous ventures, entrepreneurship, innovations in mining and the resource sector, cooperative research in the livestock industry, and research-industry partnerships in water. The final panel session will encourage consideration and discussion on the broader role of education in fostering innovation and enabling strong, productive partnerships between Australia and Latin America.

UQ has an enduring relationship with Latin America, having formed excellent collaborative relationships as one of the first Australian universities to actively seek partnerships in the region. Today UQ is proud to have more than 50 partnerships with universities and government organisations across Latin America and looks forward to strengthening these relationships into the future.

I would like to extend sincere thanks to the Latin American Heads of Mission in Australia, COALAR, Australian Latin American Business Council, our speakers, guests and UQ colleagues for their contribution to this Colloquium, which presents a unique opportunity to exchange ideas for the mutual benefit of our regions.

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PROGRAM: AM

8.30am	Registration
9.00 – 9.05am	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Monique Skidmore, Vice-President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International), UQ
9.05 – 9.15am	Australia-Latin American Partnerships: The future and beyond <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Peter Høj, President and Vice-Chancellor, UQ
9.15 – 9.20am	Ambassadorial Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• His Excellency Pedro Villagra Delgado, Ambassador of the Argentine Republic in Australia
9.20 – 10.20am	Economic Engagement with the Pacific Alliance: why it should be a priority for Australia <p><i>Keynote Address</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dr Mike Adams, Co-author, Trading Nation• Mr Nicolas Brown, Co-author, Trading Nation <p>The presentation will examine three broad questions: why the Alliance's approach to regional integration is significant in regional and global terms; what this significance implies for the region and Australia in terms of trade and investment and, more generally, for the development of trade policy; and what more Australia should consider doing to engage further with the Alliance.</p>
10.20 – 10.50am	Morning tea
10.50 – 11.35am	Cooperative Research in Beef Cattle; Opportunities and Barriers <p><i>Concurrent session 1: Breakout room</i></p> <p><u>Moderator</u> His Excellency Mr Rubem Correa Barbosa, Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil in Australia</p> <p><u>Presenters</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Stephen Moore, Director, Centre for Animal Science, Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation, UQ• Professor Dennis Poppi, Professor of Animal Nutrition, School of Agriculture and Food Sciences, UQ• Mr Don Nicol, Principal Consultant, Breedlink <p>This session will showcase current initiatives and innovation in cooperative agriculture research, namely in beef cattle. Speakers will discuss how Australia and Latin America can plan for future needs and how mutual benefit can be drawn from Australian-Latin American collaborations in research and industry.</p>

10.50 – 11.35am **Encouraging Australian-Latin American Entrepreneurship and Professional Development**

Concurrent session 2: Main Auditorium

- Ms Andrea Diaz, Co-Founder, ALAYP
- Ms Claudia Sepulveda, Co-Founder, ALAYP
- Mr Carlos Daniel Espejel, Co-Founder, ALAYP
- Mr Andres Felipe Rodriguez, Owner, Treecycle Coffee Shop

The session will include: Introduction to Australian Latin American Young Professionals Networks (ALAYP); Introduction to ALAYP Mentor-Net, a project Encouraging Australian-Latin American Entrepreneurship and professional development through mentoring and connectivity; and a successful story of a young entrepreneur in Australia

11.40 – 12.25pm **Innovative Solutions in the Mining Industry from Chile**

Concurrent session 3: Breakout room

Moderator Professor Jose Torero, Head, School of Civil Engineering, UQ

Presenters

- Mr Mauro Mazzano, Chief Executive Officer, Vantaz Group
- Ms Pamela Chavez, Biotechnology Engineer, CEO Aguamarina
- Mr Petar Ostojic, Neptumo Pumps

Presenters will highlight some of the ground-breaking innovations that are being developed by Chilean organizations providing solutions to some of the difficulties and challenges facing the resources sector. The presenters are currently in Australia as part of a group from Endeavor Chile www.endeavor.cl

11.40 – 12.25pm **Empowering Indigenous Ventures**

Concurrent session 4: Main Auditorium

Presenters

- Mr Brad Jackson, Managing Director, eNPC Australia
- Ms Lizzy Dodd, Business Development Executive, eNPC

Following the current Enabling Partnership Communities (eNPC) video and introduction, the session will provide case study examples from Central Queensland and PNG. Ms Lizzie Dodd will also share her experience in Latin America. The presenters will then address: Getting Started – Community Economic Development: Indigenous to Indigenous Engagement and Facilitation – Connecting the dots. Finally, sharing and learning from experience with Q&A

12.30 – 1.55pm **Lunch**

1.55 – 2.00pm **Welcome back**

- Dr Jessica Gallagher, Deputy Director (Global Engagement), UQ

PROGRAM: PM

2.00 – 2.30pm

Australia-Latin America relations: the strategic priorities for fostering future growth

- Mr Dario Morisini, Deputy Director, Queensland State Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

This session will touch on the broader drivers of Australia's relationship with Latin America and our common interests that should form the foundation for increased two-way trade and investment, practical partnerships and collaborative research and innovation.

2.30 – 2.50pm

Alliances and Mechanisms for Latin American Integration

Moderator Dr Patrick Carvalho, Research Fellow, The Centre for Independent Studies

Panel Members

- His Excellency José Manuel Galego, Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba in Australia
- His Excellency Nelson Dávila-Lameda, Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Australia
- His Excellency Mr Armando Alvarez Reina, Ambassador of Mexico in Australia

The session will present instruments of Latin American integration as a region of peace and development, including the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA), sub-regional trade bloc Mercosur, the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) and others.

Move into concurrent sessions

2.55 – 3.40pm

New and Emerging Opportunities for Latin America/ Australia Business Partnerships

Concurrent session 5: Main Auditorium

Moderator Mr José Blanco, Chairman, Australia-Latin America Business Council (ALABC)

Panel Members

- Dr Patrick Carvalho, Research Fellow, The Centre for Independent Studies
- Mr Alejandro Pessagno, Queensland Trade & Investment Commissioner for Latin America
- Ms Kim Prior, CEO, Prior Industries Australia Pty Ltd

Representatives from industry, academia and government will share their perspectives on emerging trends, opportunities and challenges for building innovative Latin American-Australian partnerships. The session will encourage attendees to take a fresh look at approaching business in the region and the wide ranging benefits, now and for the future, that expanding links with Latin America can provide.

2.55 – 3.40pm

Research and Corporate Partnerships – Protecting Water Resources in Latin America

Concurrent session 6: Breakout room

Panel Members

- Associate Professor Eva Abal, Program Director, UQ Water
- Mr Zimi Meka, Ausenco
- Professor Helen Ross, School of Agriculture and Food Sciences, UQ
- Professor Chris Moran, Director, Sustainable Minerals Institute, UQ

This panel discussion session will bring together UQ researchers working to bridge research and industry into Latin America, particular Argentina and Chile, to establish a path to impact on issues of water management, catchment protection, and community use and reliance on water resources. This discussion will also include case studies of how Corporate Social Responsibility has been delivered effectively in the region to provide improved water quality and access. The session will close with a discussion involving the attendees regarding future opportunities between UQ and Latin American partners to enhance this innovation

3.40 – 4.00pm

Afternoon tea

4.05 – 4.55pm

Role of education in leading Australian and Latin American innovation and partnerships

Moderator Professor Joanne Wright, Vice-President and Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), UQ

Panel Members

- Her Excellency Clemencia Forero Ucrós, Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia in Australia
- Professor Tim McLennan, Board Member, Council on Australia Latin America Relations (COALAR)
- Mr Brett Hackett, Assistant Secretary, Canada and Latin America Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs & Trade
- Ms Edith Elgueta, PhD Student, UQ

This interactive panel session will include representatives from government and industry, as well as a current student. The panellists will reflect on the various themes and opportunities raised at the Colloquium and discuss the role of education in strengthening partnerships and encouraging innovation.

4.55 – 5.00pm

Wrap-up

- Dr Jessica Gallagher, Deputy Director, Global Engagement, UQ

BIOGRAPHIES



Professor Monique Skidmore

Vice-President & Deputy Vice-Chancellor (International), UQ

As a member of the senior management group, Professor Skidmore has university-wide portfolio responsibility for international development, policy and strategy at The University of Queensland. Functions under her direct management include UQ International and the Institute of Continuing and TESOL Education.

Professor Skidmore has a BSc and BA (Hons) in anthropology from the Australian National University, as well as an MA and PhD in Medical Anthropology from McGill University in Canada.

An internationally renowned expert on Burma, Professor Skidmore has edited and authored several books on the country and its politics, including *Karaoke fascism: Burma and the politics of fear* and frequently comments on Burmese issues in the national and international media. In addition to her strong academic and leadership credentials, Professor Skidmore speaks Spanish, French and Burmese, and is a Graduate Member of the Australian Institute of Company Directors (GAICD).



Professor Peter Høj

President and Vice-Chancellor, UQ

Professor Peter Høj commenced as Vice Chancellor and President of The University of Queensland on 8 October 2012. Prior to this appointment Professor Høj was Vice-Chancellor and President University of South Australia from 1 June 2007. Before that, he was Chief Executive Officer of the Australian Research Council (2004-2007) and Managing Director of the Australian Wine Research Institute (1997-2004).

He was educated at the University of Copenhagen, majoring in biochemistry and chemistry, and has a Master of Science degree in biochemistry and genetics, a PhD in photosynthesis, an Honorary Doctorate from the University of Copenhagen and an Honorary Doctorate from the University of South Australia.

Professor Høj is a member of the Australian Research Committee (ARCom), Co-Deputy Chair of the Strengthened Export Controls Steering Group, member of the edX University Advisory Board and in 2014 was appointed as a senior consultant to Hanban in the Oceania Region. He served on the CSIRO Board 2011-2014, a private member of the Prime Minister's Science Engineering and Innovation Council (PMSEIC) from 1999-2004, and as an ex-officio member from 2006-2007. He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering and a Foreign Member (Natural Sciences Class) of The Royal Danish Academy of Sciences and Letters.

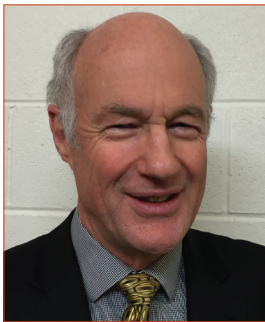


His Excellency Pedro Villagra Delgado

Ambassador of the Argentine Republic in Australia

Mr Pedro Villagra Delgado is a career diplomat. Since 2005, he is the Argentine Ambassador to Australia and non-resident Ambassador to the Fiji Islands since 2007. He is also Dean of the Diplomatic Corps in Canberra. He served at the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the United Nations (1980-88) and as Consul General in London (1992-96).

At the Foreign Ministry in Buenos Aires, he served at the Legal Advisers Office, as Head of the Division for International Security, Nuclear and Space Affairs (1996-2001) as Chief of Cabinet of the Foreign Minister (2001), and Co-ordinator for Strategic Projects (2002-05). He has headed numerous Argentine delegations to international negotiations and conferences.



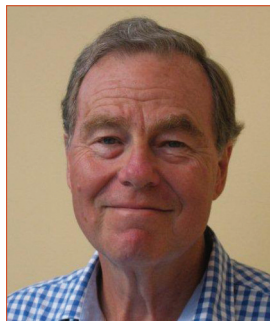
Mr Nicolas Brown

Co-author, Trading Nation: Advancing Australia's interests in world markets & Partner, Trading Nation Consulting

Mr Nicolas Brown is a joint author, along with Mike Adams and Ron Wickes, of *Trading Nation: Advancing Australia's interests in world markets*, published by UNSW Press in 2013. Mr Brown is also partners in the trade policy consulting firm, Trading Nation Consulting, with Mike Adams.

Nicolas Brown headed DFAT's branch responsible for analysis and strategic advice about trade and economic issues for five years to 2008. He headed the Canada and Latin America Branch over 2009 and 2010 and was Australia's Deputy High Commissioner to Malaysia from 2000 to 2003. Nic joined DFAT in 1996 from the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet and worked in the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) in the early part of his career. He holds a Masters degree from the London School of Economics.

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Dr Mike Adams

Co-author, Trading Nation: Advancing Australia's interests in world markets & Partner, Trading Nation Consulting

Dr Mike Adams is a joint author, along with Nicolas Brown and Ron Wickes, of *Trading Nation: Advancing Australia's interests in world markets*, published by UNSW Press in 2013. Dr Adams is also partners in the trade policy consulting firm, Trading Nation Consulting, with Nicolas Brown.

Dr Adams is a former DFAT economist with extensive experience on trade-related aspects of e-commerce, free trade agreements, climate change and agricultural protectionism. He was Australia's economic counsellor in Beijing from 2000 to 2004 and commercial counsellor in Wellington from 1989 to 1992. He holds a PhD in economic history from the University of Hull. A recent book covers the experience of British prisoners of war on the Thailand–Burma railway during and after the Second World War.



His Excellency Mr Rubem Correa Barbosa

Ambassador of the Federative Republic of Brazil in Australia

Mr Barbosa holds a Law degree from the Candido Mendes University, Rio de Janeiro and is also a graduate of the Brazilian Diplomatic Academy. Mr Barbosa has been Brazilian Ambassador to Australia since 2005 and has previously served as a Counsellor in Columbia and as Deputy Consul-General in Los Angeles. He was also Ambassador in Washington DC until 2004. He was also decorated with the Order of the Niger (1983) and the Order of Rio Branco (2007). He is well connected to the administration in Brasilia, having worked with Dilma Rousseff when she was

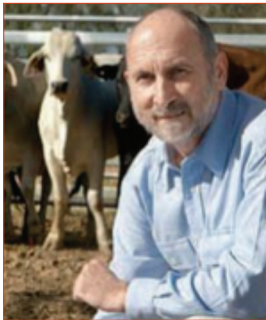
Minister of Mines and Energy before she became Chief-of-Staff to then President Lula.



Professor Stephen Moore

Director, Centre for Animal Science, Queensland Alliance for Agriculture and Food Innovation (QAAFI), UQ

Professor Moore leads the Centre for Animal Science, QAAFI at the University of Queensland. He has over 30 years' experience in bovine genomics including Chair in Bovine Genomics at University of Alberta between 1999 and 2011. He established and led the successful Bovine Genomics Program, a multi-institutional collaboration, from 2006 until 2011, which has grown as Livestock Gentec to be a world leader in the area. Multiple projects aimed at identifying genes underlying production and quality traits in cattle have been successfully completed. Professor Moore has published over 150 papers related to gene mapping, genetic marker development and genomics in international peer reviewed journals. He has been an invited speaker at numerous international conferences and industry meetings in internationally and has served as a member of a number of steering committees including the International Bovine Genome Sequence Project Steering Committee.



Professor Dennis Poppi

*Professor of Animal Nutrition
School of Agriculture and Food Sciences, UQ*

Dennis Poppi is a graduate of the University of Queensland but has worked at Universities and Institutes in New Zealand, United Kingdom, United States of America, Canada, France, Netherlands and Italy. He has a Bachelor of Agricultural Science (Hons), a Master of Agricultural Science as well as a PhD from The University of Queensland.

He is Professor of Animal Nutrition as a joint appointment in the Schools of Agriculture and Food Sciences and School of Veterinary Science. He is an Honorary Centre for Nutrition Modelling Research Fellow at the University of Guelph, Canada. Dennis's research work is primarily in beef cattle nutrition and he is currently CI on a range of projects in northern Australia funded by MLA and in Indonesia and Myanmar funded by ACIAR with four postdocs and a team of postgraduate students. He has 110 peer-reviewed journal articles and reviews and over 100 conference publications.

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Mr Don Nicol

Principal Consultant, Breedlink

Born in Scotland and having studied in Scotland and Queensland, Don's first farming experience was in dairy and beef. He has been involved with beef ever since, with 48 years' experience around the world. This year, he celebrated 41 years in Australia.

Don's career in beef genetics covers a wide range of experiences. He managed a large cattle ranch in the plains of Venezuela at the age of 21. He was a government adviser in Queensland and introduced BREEDPLAN to the Australian beef industry while on secondment to the University of New England. Additionally, he was

technical consultant to the Angus Society of Australia for 10 years and a Divisional Manager with the largest beef producer in Australia. Don's consultancy company has operated since 1986 and he has consulted globally, in particular in South America. He works across all breeds of cattle and recently conducted a review of the export of bovine genetic materials to the world.



Ms Andrea Diaz

Co-Founder, Australia Latin America Young Professionals Network (ALAYP)

Andrea Diaz is one of the co-founders of ALAYP and Director of ALAYP Mentor-NET, a project seeking, connecting and supporting entrepreneurs and professionals from Australia and Latin America through mentoring and connectivity.

Andrea works as a Contracts Co-ordinator of Boral Construction Materials, one of the largest building and construction materials suppliers in Queensland, a being subsidiary of Boral Limited, a multinational company founded in Australia dealing in building and construction materials. Andrea reviews and negotiates all the supply agreements and works contracts and other related agreements of the company in Queensland.

She is also dual admitted Australian-Colombian lawyer with extensive Australian and International experience in contract negotiation, drafting and administration across the engineering and construction industries. Apart from this, before deciding to become a lawyer in Australia, she completed a Graduate Certificate in Law at Queensland University of Technology.



Ms Claudia Sepulveda

Co-Founder, Communications Manager, Australia Latin America Young Professionals Network (ALAYP)

Claudia Sepulveda is co-founder and Communications Manager of the ALAYP from August last year. She currently works as Marketing Officer for Austin Engineering, a leading designer and manufacturer of customised mining equipment, with a presence in some of the worlds' principal mining regions.

Previously, Claudia was the Communication Officer for the Centre for Communication and Social Change at The University of Queensland. Claudia has a Masters degree in

Communications and Public Relations from The University of Queensland, a Certificate Diploma in Communications and Public Policies from Universidad de Chile and a degree in Journalism from Universidad Catolica del Norte.



Mr Carlos Daniel Espejel

Co-Founder, Director, Australia Latin America Young Professionals Network (ALAYP)

Carlos Daniel Espejel is Co-founder and current Director of the ALAYP Network.

He has been heavily involved with the Latin American community in Brisbane. Carlos Daniel is the founder of the Latin American Student Association (UQ LASA) and co-founder of the Latin American Cultural Association in Queensland (LACA).

Carlos Daniel has a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering with a Major in Mechanical Engineering (Minor in Mining Engineering) of the University of Queensland, and a Masters Degree in Mining Engineering at the University of New South Wales. He is also currently undertaking a PHD in Mining Engineering at the University of Queensland.

Carlos Daniel currently works as Strategic Mine Planner for CRCORE working on the optimisation of Long Term Mine Plans through the implementation of new Mining Technologies and Methodologies. Additionally, he has been working for around 7 years in the Metalliferous Mining industry as Mine Planner, particularly in Scoping, Prefeasibility, Feasibility and Research Studies for Green and Brown Field Tier 1 Projects.

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Mr Andres Felipe Rodriguez

Owner, Treecycle Coffee Shop

Andrés is an Agricultural Engineer who grew up in the Coffee Triangle of Colombia and who spent part of his childhood learning about coffee at his father's farm. In 2012, Andrés founded CROP DEL MONTE Specialty Coffee in Brisbane, which focuses on directly importing Green Coffee Beans. In 2015, he became the founding partner of Tree Cycle Coffee Shop in Portside Wharf, Hamilton.

Andrés aims to create closer relationships between Latin American small coffee growers and specialty coffee roasters in order to develop a genuine product in Australia. Generous premiums go to the farmers making sure they are the first ones of the supply chain who benefit from their extra effort.

All of this is possible due to his previous experience working with coffee farmers in Colombia and to his passion for sharing his coffee culture with the rest of the world. Andrés has been sensory judge for different coffee competitions in Australia such as Golden Bean 2013, Queensland Barista competition 2014 and in Colombia such as the Cup of Excellence 2014.



Professor José Torero

Head, School of Civil Engineering, UQ

José L. Torero joined The University of Queensland in 2012 as Professor of Civil Engineering and Head of School. He has a BSc from the Pontificia Universidad Catolice del Peru (1989) and a MSc (1991) and PhD (1992) from the University of California Berkeley. Prior to joining UQ, he held the position of the Head of the Institute for Infrastructure and Environmental, the BRE Trust/RAEng Professor of Fire Safety Engineering and Director of the BRE Centre for Fire Safety Engineering. During his time in Switzerland, Professor Torero was Landolt & Cia Chair in Innovation for a Sustainable Future at École Polytechnique

Fédéral de Lausanne. Additionally, he was an Associate Professor at the University of Maryland (USA) and Charge de Recherche at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (France). He is a fellow of the Royal Academy of Engineering, the Royal Society of Edinburgh and the Building Research Establishment.

Professor Torero is a consultant to many private and government organisations around the world, having participated in landmark projects such as the Buncefield, Sago Mine and Texas City Explosions, the collapse of the World Trade Centre and the design of complex infrastructure. He is recognised for leading edge research in a broad arrange of subjects associated to fire safety and for the development of many innovative educational programmes in several countries.



Mr Mauro Mazzano

Chief Executive Officer, Vantaz Group

Mr Mezzano is co-founder of Vantaz Group, an international consulting firm, focussed on delivering business services and solutions to corporate clients. Vantaz has more than fourteen years' experience in mining, resource and utility industries in South America and seven years' experience in Australia. Before joining Vantaz, Mr Mezzano worked as a consultant for EY and the Chilean Ministry of Education. He is a Member of the Board of the Australian Chilean Chamber of Commerce and non-profit Endeavor Atacama.



Mr Petar Ostojic

Neptuno Pumps

Petar Ostojic is a Mechanical Civil Engineer from the Federico Santa María Technical University and Master of Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the USA.

In 2006, with the purpose of developing world-class Chilean manufacturing which included indigenous design and engineering, Petar returned to his home town of Iquique to join Neptuno, a company founded in 1972 by his father Ivor. Due to the potential he saw in the mining industry, he decided to create a new business line: Neptuno Pumps, a company dedicated to the design and manufacture of high energy efficient industrial centrifugal pumps. Currently, Neptuno Pumps is an internationally renowned company for offering innovative, efficient and sustainable solutions in water and energy management to the most important mining and engineering companies on the planet, becoming the first pump company in the world to win the "Technical Innovation of the Year - Projects" award twice at the Pump Industry Awards held annually in England. In addition he is also a recipient of different acknowledgements in Chile including the National Award for Innovation Avonni 2014 in the Mining and Metallurgy category.

Petar participates in distinct public and private initiatives to promote innovation and technology in Chile such as the Mining National Program of the Chile Foundation and the Commission for Innovation Sofofa Innova. Moreover, he is a permanent collaborator among the most important magazines in the world within the pumps industry such as World Pumps (UK) and Pumps & Systems (USA).

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Dr Pamela Chavez

Biotechnology Engineer, CEO Aguamarina

Pamela graduated as Aquaculture Engineer from the University of Antofagasta. She has a Masters of Science in Aquatic Microbiology and PhD in Aquatic Molecular Microbiology from the University of Kyoto, Japan. Pamela has spent her career conducting research in the University of Antofagasta as Associate Professor and at the Biotechnology Institute of Tarapacá as Senior Researcher while she was completing her post doctorate in Cellular Physiology in Heavy Metals from the University of Hawaii, USA.

She is CEO of Aguamarina S.A., a mining biotechnology company located in Antofagasta that develops innovative products and services for optimizing processes, reduce costs and look after environmental conservation in the mining industry. Her first years were focused in the development of products and delivery of services to large mining companies in Chile and she has potential to create solutions nationally and internationally. Her innovation is reflected in several products and services that resolve bio corrosion, bioleaching, and bioremediation and water treatment through microbes.



Mr Brad Jackson

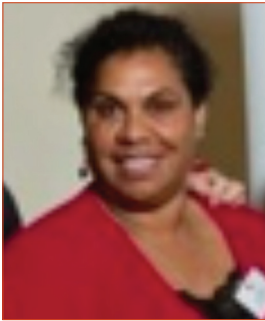
Managing Director, eNPC Australia

Brad has in excess of twenty years business experience, with a particular focus on supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander economic development. He is an experienced company director and has focussed on designing and implementing programs to increase private sector activity in developing communities.

Working with Indigenous Australians and communities throughout the Asia Pacific, Brad has endeavoured to bring key stakeholders together to maximise opportunities for communities to develop their own skills to participate in the broader market economy.

Brad has provided strong leadership to implement the growth strategies of eNPC over the past four years. There have been a number of aspects that are key to this success, including:

- An alignment of values across an expanding workforce to ensure corporate, community and employee development goals are met;
- The establishment of key partnerships with other Indigenous communities, industry and Government stakeholders to capitalise on our unique competitive advantage and securing appropriate capability to meet market demands;
- The development of strategies to build sustainable Indigenous communities, including diverse business development and removing the impediments to Indigenous career advancement.
- In partnership with CSIRO The development of a tool that seeks to strengthen the resilience of Indigenous communities whilst at the same time enhancing the social license of business dealing with those communities.



Ms Lizzy Dodd

Business Development Executive, eNPC Australia

Lizzy is a Traditional Owner and one of six applicants responsible for future negotiations and agreements with resources companies to create, grow and sustain commercial and economic development for her people, on her country. Her people were recently granted consent determination by the High Courts of Australia over her country which took over 20 years to acquire.

Currently Liz is the Business Development Executive with eNPC Australia, managing and maintaining current and future relationships with partners and stakeholders. This includes identifying business opportunities for eNPC and our partners in the Bowen Basin as well as on a national and international basis for eNPC.

Lizzy has a background in Federal Government with Department of Industry, Innovation, Science, Research and Tertiary Education as the Indigenous Engagement Officer where her responsibilities were to assist small and medium businesses by providing business improvement services.

Lizzy also has experience in international engagement through involvement with Council of Australian Latin America Relations (COALAR) and a project organised by the Australian Embassies in Chile and Peru, and the Consulate in Bolivia, where the aims of the project was to facilitate an exchange of information about approaches to community consultation, with a particular focus on consultation with indigenous communities, and to investigate opportunities for building institutional linkages.



Dr Jessica Gallagher

Deputy Director (Global Engagement), UQ

Dr Jessica Gallagher is the Deputy Director (Global Engagement) at The University of Queensland where she is responsible for the strategic management of UQ's international partnerships, agreements, scholarships and a wide range of global programs designed to showcase and extend UQ's research, teaching and learning, and engagement activities. Jess has over 8 years' experience in senior marketing, and engagement roles and has overseen the development of a wide range of professional development, international mobility and enrichment programs

for UQ students, include the UQ Advantage Award program. She holds a PhD in Comparative Cultural Studies and is also a research affiliate and sessional lecturer in the School of Languages and Comparative Cultural Studies.

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Mr Dario Morisini

Deputy Director, Queensland State Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)

Dario Morisini commenced as Deputy Director of the Queensland State Office of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) in May 2015. In this role he is responsible for supporting DFAT's engagement with a range of local stakeholders, including the State Government and Queensland's business, civil society and academic communities.

Dario joined DFAT in November 2013 and has most recently held positions in the United Nations and Commonwealth Section, within Multilateral Policy Division and the Great Barrier Reef Taskforce, in Canberra. Prior to this he worked for the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) managing the deployment of Australian civilian specialists to post-crisis situations. Overseas he has undertaken two short term missions to Papua New Guinea and represented the Australian Government at bilateral and multilateral events in Africa, Indonesia and Kazakhstan.

Dario holds a Bachelor of Arts, a Bachelor of Laws and a Masters of International Studies from The University of Queensland.



Dr Patrick Carvalho

Research Fellow, The Centre for Independent Studies

Dr Patrick Carvalho is a Research Fellow in the Economics Program at the Centre for Independent Studies. Prior to joining the CIS, he worked as the Head of the Economic Studies Division at the Federation of Industries of Rio de Janeiro and as a Lecturer in the Research School of Economics at the Australian National University.

A firm believer in individual sovereignty, Dr Carvalho has published in several Australian and international forums, including the recent Lowy Institute book *Great Southern Lands: Building Ties between Australia and Brazil*. Patrick holds a PhD in Economics from the ANU Crawford School of Public Policy and is a registered Brazilian lawyer with graduate degrees in commerce and international relations.



His Excellency Mr José Manuel Galego

Ambassador of the Republic of Cuba in Australia

His Excellency Mr José Manuel Galego Montano is the designated Ambassador of Cuba to Australia and the concurrent Ambassador to Papua New Guinea, Nauru, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. He was born in La Havana Cuba in 1963. Mr Galego has a Bachelor's degree in International Relations and has completed post graduate studies related to this field. During his professional career, Mr Galego's experience has included positions as Researcher and Director for the Centre of Asia and Oceania Studies. In addition to this, he was a researcher at the Research Centre of International Politics, Higher Institute of International Relations in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. His professional experience has included postings as Ambassador to the Cuban Embassy in Korea, as well as Counsellor and Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Cuba in Japan and Diplomatic Attaché at the Embassy of Cuba in Vietnam.



His Excellency Mr Nelson Dávila-Lamedá

Ambassador of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Australia

Mr Dávila Lamedá is Venezuela's Ambassador in Australia and concurrent Fiji Islands, New Zealand and Nauru. In 2005, the Venezuelan diplomat served as Coordinator of the Office of the Deputy Minister for Asia, Middle East and Oceania, with the rank of Director.



His Excellency Mr Armando Alvarez Reina

Ambassador of Mexico in Australia

Mr Armando Alvarez Reina is a career member of the Mexican Foreign Service since 1988. Previous postings overseas include Ambassador to Mexico in Costa Rica; Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassies in Costa Rica and South Korea; Deputy Consul-General at the Consulate General of Mexico in Sydney, Australia; and Head for Cooperation at the Embassy of Mexico in Guatemala. Mr Armando Alvarez Reina has a Bachelors degree in International Relations by the National Autonomous University of Mexico; a Master degree in International Relations (with special focus in Pacific Studies) by Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia; and a second Master degree in National Security by the Higher Education Center for Naval Studies of the Mexican Navy. He is fluent in English and has working knowledge of French.

BIOGRAPHIES



Mr José Blanco

Chairman, Australia-Latin America Business Council (ALABC)

José has served as the Chairman of the Australia-Latin America Business Council since its incorporation.

José is also the founding partner of Blanco Partners, an advisory firm that he established in August 2012, following a 22 year career at Banco Santander in Australia. The firm focuses on cross-border business between Australia, Spain and the major markets in Latin America.

From 1990 until January 2011, José served as the Country Manager of Banco Santander in Australia, then as an Adviser to the bank until July 2012. Before joining Banco Santander, José practiced law for 10 years, having been a partner in the Sydney-based firm, Bodors.

José is the author of numerous articles on business issues related to the markets of Spain and Latin America, published in newspapers such as The Australian and Australian Financial Review. He has also been a speaker at numerous conferences and other forums held in Australia, Chile, Singapore and Spain.



Mr Alejandro Pessagno

Queensland Trade and Investment Commissioner for Latin America

Mr Alejandro Pessagno was appointed as the Trade and Investment Commissioner for Latin America in February 2014. Alex holds a Masters Degree in International Commerce and Policy from George Mason University, Virginia (USA) and a Law degree from Museo Social Argentino, Argentina. Alex is a results-oriented bilingual professional with vast international experience. Prior to joining Trade and Investment Queensland, Alex worked for over 20 years in domestic and international business development and marketing in Latin America, the

United States and Europe for multinational companies, including KPMG, Ericsson and MCI, and several small and medium sized firms. He has extensive experience in the manufacturing, telecommunications, financial services, consulting and clean energy sectors. Additionally, Alex has significant expertise in foreign direct investment. He has set up subsidiaries of companies in foreign markets and has provided guidance and advice to other firms interested in investing in new markets.



Ms Kim Prior

CEO, Prior Industries Australia & Chair, Australia-Cuba Business Council

Kim is an accountant by training with over 20 years' experience in management accounting roles, 17 of those in a CFO capacity across a range of industries including mining, print media, manufacturing and engineering. It was during that time her role exposed her to working with clients in "challenge" markets, Cuba being one such country. In part it was her ability to develop new markets and expand market share, manage risk, drive and implement strategy, communicate effectively and consult widely that resulted in Kim being made CEO of Prior Industries Australia

Pty Ltd, an Australian owned combustion and process engineering firm. Cuba Consult has been born out of the skill set developed by Kim and her team at PIA.



Associate Professor Eva Abal

Program Director, UQ Water

Associate Professor Eva Abal's scientific expertise and research interests include strategic research framework development, coordination of multidisciplinary projects, effective science communication, development of strategic road maps for eco-efficient water management, ecosystem health report cards and monitoring, evaluation, reporting and improvement frameworks.

Eva has a Bachelor and Master of Science in Marine Biology from the University of San Carlos, Philippines and a PhD in Botany from The University of Queensland. Her passion is in the synthesis and effective communication of scientific information, making science relevant and useful to managers, and facilitating linkages between scientists and managers/stakeholders.

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Mr Zimi Meka

CEO, Ausenco

One of the founding directors of Ausenco, Zimi Meka was appointed Chief Executive Officer/Managing Director in 1999. Before joining Ausenco, he held senior roles in engineering and operations companies.

Zimi has more than 25 years' experience in the design, construction and operation of minerals processing plants and infrastructure, both in Australia and internationally. Zimi was recently named again as one of Australia's Top 100 Most Influential Engineers by Engineers Australia.



Professor Helen Ross

Professor, Rural Development, UQ

Professor Helen Ross manages social sciences in the School of Agriculture and Food Sciences, UQ. She is an interdisciplinary social scientist (environmental psychologist and anthropologist) specialising in social aspects of sustainable rural development, including shared responsibility for agricultural extension.

Helen holds a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (Hons I) (University of Tasmania), a Master of Science and PhD from the University of London. She is a Fellow of the Environment Institute of Australia and New Zealand, and in 2013 won the Institute's

Simon Molesworth Award for contribution to Environmental Management at national level. She is a member of HealthyWaterways Scientific Experts Panel, the Australian Psychological Society's Climate Change Reference Group, UNESCO's International Experts Group on Urban Futures, and a Global Change Institute researcher. She is also Co-editor of the Australasian Journal of Environmental Management, a board member of Architectural Science Reviews and International Perspectives on Psychology, and a former editorial board member of Society and



Professor Chris Moran

Director, Sustainable Minerals Institute (SMI), UQ

Professor Chris Moran is the Director of the Sustainable Minerals Institute (SMI) at The University of Queensland (UQ) in Australia. Previously, he was the Founding Director of SMI's Centre for Water in the Minerals Industry, which conducts research towards achieving sustainable water management in the sector.

Professor Moran has published widely in the scientific literature and broader media. He serves on various government panels and committees, as well as UQ boards. He was a Director of the International Mining for Development Centre (IM4DC), and

has had formal advising roles for state and federal governments on nutrient management, groundwater, coal seam gas and underground coal gasification.

Professor Moran's objective is to connect the multiple disciplines involved in minerals and energy to meet the challenges of demand and supply into the future.



Professor Joanne Wright

Vice President & Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic), UQ

Professor Joanne Wright joined UQ in April 2013, as Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic). She has chaired all major University committees relating to teaching and learning, quality, and the student experience, and has led major capital works projects. She has successfully led efforts to improve student satisfaction in relation to both teaching and the wider student experience.

Professor Wright has Joint Honours (in Politics and Government, and History) from the University of Kent at Canterbury, an M.Litt in Strategic Studies from the University of Aberdeen, a PhD

in International Relations from the Australian National University, and is a Graduate of the Australian Institute of Company Directors. At the national level, Professor Wright is a Ministerial appointee to the Higher Education Standards Panel which makes recommendations to the Minister on new or amended standards for Higher Education. She also chaired the Australian Universities Quality Assurance Agency Board and oversaw the transfer of some its roles to TEQSA. She is also a member of a Universities Australia Working Group for AQF.

Professor Wright has held teaching and research positions at several UK and Australian Universities, including Melbourne, St Andrews, Ulster, London and Sussex. She has taught extensively at undergraduate and postgraduate levels and has published books and articles on various aspects of state and sub-state security. She has held senior management positions at London, Sussex, South Australia and The University of Queensland.

BIOGRAPHIES



Her Excellency Clemencia Forero-Ucrós

Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia in Australia

Her Excellency Dr Clemencia Forero-Ucrós has been Ambassador of the Republic of Colombia to Australia since February 2013. She has a Bachelors degree in Philosophy from Universidad los Andes and completed a Masters degree in Political Studies from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana.

Ms Forero-Ucrós has also been Ambassador of Colombia to Sweden, non-Resident Ambassador to Norway, Denmark, Finland and Iceland as well as Permanent Representative before the United Nations' office in Geneva. Her duties have also included

being appointed Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Ms Forero-Ucrós has also received numerous national decorations, including Orden de Boyaca as well as international awards from the governments of Chile, Peru, Mexico, Brazil, Bolivia, Venezuela. A 'Special recognition award' from the Executive office, President of the United States, Office of National Drug control policy was also received.



Mr Tim McLennan

Board Member, Council on Australia Latin America Relations (COALAR)

Tim McLennan has extensive international experience and has held a number of high profile and strategic roles in resources related research, technology and innovation sector. He was inaugural global Director of Business Development and Commercialisation for the mineral resources arm of the CSIRO and led the successful commercial development of a number of ground breaking initiatives, including CSIRO's first international in-country joint research entity - CSIRO Chile.

Tim has extensive experience across the innovation value chain with extensive experience within the Australian Cooperative Research Centres Program. He was previously Commercial Director of the Division of Exploration and Mining and responsible for research and commercial development of technologies for the coal, CSG and minerals sector. He was Executive Manager of the internationally recognised Queensland Centre for Advanced Technology. He is a current Board member of the Australian Latin American Business Council, the Australian Government's Council on Australia Latin America Relations, and a Fellow of the Queensland Academy of Arts and Sciences.



Mr Brett Hackett

*Assistant Secretary, Canada and Latin America Branch
Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT)*

Mr Hackett is a senior career officer with DFAT. He was appointed to his current role as Assistant Secretary, Canada & Latin American Branch, DFAT in 2014. He previously served as Australian Ambassador to Brazil (2011-2014). Prior to this appointment he was Assistant Secretary, Services and Intellectual Property Branch and served overseas as Australian Ambassador to Afghanistan, with earlier postings to Pakistan and Canada. Mr Hackett speaks Portuguese and holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Queensland and

a Diploma in Foreign Affairs and Trade from Australian National University.



Ms Edith Elgueta-Cancino

*PhD candidate, Human Neurosciences Unit, School of
Health and Rehabilitation Sciences, UQ*

Mr Elgueta-Cancino graduated in physiotherapy (Honours) from Universidad Catolica del Maule, Chile. She has a MPhil in Human Motor Control from The University Of Queensland, Brisbane and is currently completing the 2nd year of PhD at the same institution.

She has worked as lecturer (diploma in higher education and new teaching strategies) for four years at Universidad de Talca, Chile in the area of Human Movement Sciences and Human Motor Control.

She has participated in several national and international conferences in the area of Biomechanics, Physiotherapy and Neurophysiology.

Part of Human Neurosciences Unit at Centre of Clinical Research Excellence in Spinal Pain Injury and Health. Her main interest is to understand how the brain controls the movement in musculoskeletal pathology and how pain can influence or change them.

Edith is Vice-president of the Association of Chileans at UQ “UQChile” organisation that aims to foster and enhance academic and professional collaborations between Chile and Australia. This association provides community support to facilitate the integration and settlement of Chilean students and researchers in Australia; and disseminating the Chilean culture overseas.

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