

JUAN MIGUEL GONZALEZ BIBOLINI

WORK EXPERIENCE

Executive Director of the Mercosur Social Institute Asunción, Paraguay | 2020-2022

- Established the Mercosur School of Government for Social Policies in Asunción.
- Supported the training of 422 public workers and professionals from 22 Latin American countries who graduated from the 2020-2021 Academic Program in social public policy specialties.
- Developed the "Cross-Border Cooperation in Health" project with EUROSocial+ for social cohesion in border territories during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Promoted the execution of the "Youth and Borders in Mercosur", a project in collaboration with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) in the main border cities of Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, with the goal of improving the management of Public Social Expenditure in Adolescents and Youth.
- Installed the Asunción Dialogue for the Social Agenda and the 2030 Agenda.
- Promoted a food security project with the Inter-American Institute of Agriculture.
- Implemented the MSI digital positioning redesign process, increasing the participation of the community and Civil Society actors, going from 12.6 thousand to 32.6 thousand members with an increase of 60%.

Executive Secretary of the Mercosur Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights Buenos Aires, Argentina | 2018-2020

- Implemented the alliance between Mercosur Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights (MIPPHR) and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), for the mutual realization of the "International Course on Public Policies in Human Rights", increasing the number of applicants to 4,021 people and the amount of vacancies up to 100, expanding to 26 countries of the region in the 2019 edition.
- Established the "Migrant Child Focus Regional Initiative" supported by the OAS, IOM, Central American Integration System - SICA, EUROSocial, Coordinator for the Rights of Children and Adolescents of Paraguay - CDIA, Save the Children, Plan International, Red de Coaliciones Sur , Argentine Commission for Refugees and Migrants and the Swedish Cooperation Agency.
- Initiated the South-South Cooperation Program (PAC SUR) that combined the support of the Brazilian cooperation agencies -ABC- and the Uruguayan cooperation agency -AUCI- to carry out training with Central American countries, grouped in SICA, and countries belonging to the Community of Portuguese Language Countries -CPLP- in monitoring public policies on human rights and public policies for people with disabilities.
- Supported the strengthening of dialogue and consensus mechanisms for the implementation of human rights public policies, through 4 thematic public consultations with Mercosur Civil Society organizations and the Parlasur public hearings.
- Strengthened digital tools and social networks, increasing from 36.3k to 48.8k followers (35%) and from 1.4k to 14.7k subscribers (950%) of the MIPPHR digital bulletin.

General Director of Human Rights - Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Paraguay Asunción, Paraguay | 2014-2017

- Established the first South-South Technical Cooperation Program SIMORE Paraguay to follow up on human rights recommendations (2015). This program has been requested to date by: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, the Dominican Republic, Uruguay, and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR).
- Coordinated efforts to restructure by Decree N° 4367 (2015) the Inter-Institutional Commission for Compliance with Sentences, Recommendations, Requests and other International Human Rights Commitments.
- Led the negotiations for the signing of the Friendly Settlement agreement in the framework of Petition 850-15 "Pueblo Ayoreo Totobiegosode and its group in Voluntary Isolation" (IACHR regular session. Panama, 12/7/16).
- Led the participation of the Paraguayan national team in IACHR hearings (Washington DC).
- Coordinated the first membership of Paraguay in the United Nations Human Rights Council (Geneva, 2015-2017).
- Designed the project for the expanded proposal of the SIMORE Human Rights mechanism to the new version SIMORE Plus Human Rights and ODS (2016).
- Conducted 7 seminars to present SIMORE to more than 50 countries of the Global South at events organized by OHCHR in Europe, Central America, South America, Central Asia, Pacific.
- Coordinated the national reports for the 2nd Universal Periodic Review (UPR), Report on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ESCR) and Report against Torture.

Alternate Representative of Paraguay - OAS Washington D.C., USA | 2010-2012

- Vice President of the Special Commission on Migration Issues (2011-2012).
- He supported and managed the signing of the largest number of Friendly Settlement agreements, to that date, between the Paraguayan State and the petitioners before the IACHR.
- He represented Paraguay in the Periods of Sessions-Public Hearings of the IACHR, follow-up on Cases and Petitions, support for rapporteur ships, visits to the country by rapporteurs, and meetings with petitioners, Paraguayan Civil Society organizations, and human rights defenders.

Diplomatic and Consular Representative of the Foreign Service of Paraguay Argentina, Chile, Spain, USA and Italy | 1994 - 2017

- Directed and managed the diplomatic and consular offices in the destinations where Paraguay has the largest number of emigrants: Argentina (900k) and Spain (120k).
- Developed in the northeast of Spain, where more than 35,000 migrant Paraguayan women reside, the first consular social program "Iniciativa Mujer Paraguaya", to complete high school studies "Graduate del Secundario" (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mAEXMIgIFSM&t=6s>). Served abroad in the following responsibilities:
- General Consul in Barcelona, Spain (2017- 2018)
- Chargé d'affaires in Buenos Aires, Argentina (2007-2009 and 2013-2014)
- Alternate Representative in the OAS, Washington DC, USA (2010-2012)

- General Consul in Milan, Italy (2001-2003)
- Economic Counselor and Commercial Attaché in Santiago de Chile (1994-1999)

Consultant for UNDP, IDB and CAF projects

Asunción, Paraguay / 1990 - 1994 ; 1999 - 2001

- CAF Project Consultant "Support for the Strengthening of South American Integration and the Formation of Networks between Shared Border Regions of Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay". Asunción, Paraguay (2000-2001).
- Consultant Agreement N° 6292 Cepei-Itaipú "Study of the Relationship Networks between Civil Societies of Paraguay and Paraná - Brazil". Asunción, Paraguay (2000).
- Project Consultant in BID ATN/SF-7541-PR: "Civil Society and State Forum for the International Insertion of Paraguay". Asunción, Paraguay (1999).
- UNDP Project Consultant PAR/99/012: "Formulation of a State Foreign Policy and Advice to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for the preparation of the Organic Law". Asunción, Paraguay (1999).
- Project Consultant in BID ATN/SF-6034-PR: "Strengthening of the Action Capacity of Civil Society for the International Insertion of Paraguay". Asunción, Paraguay (1999-2000).
- UNDP Consultant in charge of the Export Promotion Department of the ProParaguay Project for the Promotion of Exports and Investments. Asunción, Paraguay (1990-1994).

ACADEMIC TRAINING

Master in Law and Economics of Climate Change

Latin American Faculty of Social Sciences - FLACSO Argentina (2022-2023) Master Candidate in Law and Economics of Climate Change

Master in Business Administration

IEDE Business School, European University of Madrid (UE). Spain (1998-1999) Title: MBA, Master in Business Administration

Diploma in Integral Marketing

Adolfo Ibáñez University. Chile (1997)
Title: DMI, Diploma in Integral Marketing

Bachelor's Degree in International Trade - Economics

National University of Quilmes (UNQ) - Buenos Aires' University (UBA). Argentina Title: Bachelor of International Trade

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Founder of the civic digital platform for Paraguayan migrants and their families "Recupera Talento Paraguay" www.recparaguay.net

Founding Member and Academic Director (ad honorem) of IDESO, Institute for Democracy and Society of Paraguay. www.idesoparaguay.org.py

Member of the Academic Council of the IDESO School of Integrity of Paraguay.

Invited speaker in academic fields, public and private organizations.

PUBLICATIONS

"Mercosur, peace and the lost consensus". El País de Montevideo. 4/19/2022

<https://www.elpais.com.uy/opinion/columnistas/mercosur-paz-y-el-consenso-perdido>

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"SIMORE PARAGUAY Program: First Experience of South-South Cooperation in Human Rights of Paraguay". Diplomatic Magazine. Asunción, November, 2019.

"Regional Initiative Migrant Child Focus. Memory". MERCOSUR IPPDH. Buenos Aires, 2019.

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"Migrant Children and the Shared Future". La Nación de Buenos Aires, May, 2019.

<https://www.lanacion.com.ar/opinion/ninez-migrante-futuro-compartido-nid2246291/>

"Although we see setbacks, we are never going back to dictatorships". Ultima Hora de. Asunción. Asunción, February, 2018.

<https://www.ultimahora.com/aunque-vemos-retrocesos-no-vamos-volver-nunca-mas-lasdictaduras-n2795694.html>

"Protect migrant families". La Nación de Buenos Aires, July, 2018.

<https://www.lanacion.com.ar/autor/juan-miguel-gonzalez-bibolini-11663>

"Paraguay has made progress in human rights, but there is still a lot to do". Ultima Hora.

Asunción. February, 2016. <https://www.ultimahora.com/paraguay-ha-avanzado-derechos-pero-aun-queda-mucho>

PERSONAL HISTORY

Born outside his country, in Buenos Aires while his parents were exiled from Paraguay for political reasons, during the dictatorship of Alfredo Stroessner. From his youth Juan was a member of the youth branch of the "Movimiento Popular Colorado" (MOPOCO) and later joined the youth organizations of the Paraguayan National Agreement in Exile. For this reason, from the age of fourteen he could not return to Paraguay, returning once democracy was recovered in 1989.

In his activity in favor of civil rights, he joined the university youth in Argentina, still in times of the dictatorship in this country, and later held elective positions as a delegate of the Juventud Radical, being Secretary of Social Action of the Committee of the Capital for two periods. In the struggles for democracy in the Southern Cone, he joined the National and Latin American Movement, a group made up of members of the Paraguayan and Bolivian communities mainly.

From 1980 to 1989, he actively participated in civil and political initiatives in defense of human rights, actions in favor of democracy and the freedom of political prisoners in Paraguay. Upon returning to his country, he recovered his Paraguayan nationality under the new National Constitution promulgated in 1992.