



## **ALEJANDRO ACOSTA**

### **PERSONAL INFORMATION**

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### **EDUCATION:**

- PhD: Education, Nova University, Fort Lauderdale-CINDE, 1992
- Certificate of Advanced Study: Diploma on Qualitative Research, CINDE, 2000
- Certificate of Advanced Study: Monitoring and Evaluation, Wales University at Swansea, 1996
- Certificate of Advanced Study: Diploma in Gender, Wales University at Swansea, 1996
- University degree: Sociologist: National University, Bogotá, Colombia, 1991
- University degree: Economist: Los Andes University and Jorge Tadeo Lozano University, 1975

### **CURRENT RESPONSABILITIES**

- General Director of International Center for Education and Human Development, CINDE Foundation, Colombia.
- Early Childhood Peace Consortium Advisory Board Member.
- Member of the Executive Board of the Consultative Group on Early Childhood
- National Representative, World Forum for Colombia, member of it's International Organizing Committee and member of the Executive Board of the Working Group RECONCILIATION THROUGH ECCD.
- Associated Professional of the RISE Institute, Washington
- International Sociology Association, ISA, member of the Children Research Group
- Coordinator of the Technical Secretariat, Consultative Group Network for ECCD in Latin America.
- Member of Early Childhood Development Action Network

- Invited professor at the PRIGEPP of the Master in Gender of FLACSO, Argentina
- Member of the Academic Council of the Latinamerican Cathedra, Orlando Fals Borda
- Member of the “Group on Economics and Children” of Colombia
- Member of the Coordinator Committee of the COLOMBIAN ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN

### **PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT AND OTHER ACTIVITIES**

In CINDE he was the Regional Director of CINDE Bogota between 2013 and 1999, the National Director of the Projects Division, Coordinator of PROMESA Programme, between 1988 and 1987, and advisor for this programme, between 1986 and 1988. Since 1986, he has been a professor of the Masters programmes organized by CINDE in agreement with several universities in Colombia, and also an invited professor in more than 12 Colombian universities. He was External Advisor of the UNICEF Regional Office for Latin America and the Caribbean, 1982 to 1985, for the regional programme Women and production.

He was member of the Executive Board of the “The Americas Council” and of the “Fund for the Promotion of Environment and Children” in Colombia, representing children’s NGOs, and President of those.

**Consultancies:** UNICEF (Venezuela, other national offices, with the Regional Office and with New York Head Office); Interamerican Development Bank, IDB (Nicaragua, Paraguay, Venezuela); Organization of Iberoamerican States, OIS (Mexico, Nicaragua); UNESCO (for the research on experiences of interinstitutional coordination for ECCD programmes, and for Ecuador Office), World Bank (member of the supervision mission for the national program on preschool education for Dominican Republic, and member of the Mid Term Review Team), INTRAC, (as member of the team supporting the Swedish Cooperative Service in Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras); “Vivamos Mejor” (Guatemala, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Venezuela, Colombia, Brazil); Save The Children/UK (Honduras, Peru, Colombia); Bernard Van Leer Foundation( national team member for the Effectiveness Initiative research and member of two of the international working groups for this research), Organization of American States, OAS (Regional Programme for Basic Education, PRODEBAS); Advisor for governments and NGOs (México, Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Honduras, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, Paraguay). Evaluating children and/or educational programmes (Honduras, Mexico, Venezuela, Peru, Colombia and Dominican Republic); and presenting papers on congress, conferences and workshops in several Latin American countries and international meetings.

**Author** of several papers, books chapters, modules and other materials related to children, education, public policies and social development.