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LANGUAGES

Spanish (mother tongue)

English (fluent)

French (fluent)

German (good)

EDUCATION:

University:

Law (Juris Doctor, 5 years, and bar exam, 1 year) at the Universidad Complutense of Madrid (09/79 – 06/82) and the Universidad de Malaga (09/82-06/84). Member of the Malaga Bar and Antequera Bar (Ilustres Colegios de Abogados de Málaga y Antequera) since 1985

Secondary School (1974-1979) at the Lycées Français of Brussels (Belgium) and Madrid (Spain)

Primary School (1966-1973) at the Lycée Français of Vienna (Austria)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

September 2024 – Present: **Senior Advisor to the Assistant Secretary General and Director, UNDP Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean**, strategic advice on partnerships and UN inter-agency work; support to the RBLAC Chief Economist on the production of the Regional Human Development Report; support to the Coordinator of the Democracy and Development Report for Latin America and the Caribbean. Participation in senior leadership boards for the region.

July 2023 – August 2024: **UNDP Resident Representative a.i. in Venezuela**, management of the Social Fund Proposal, support to the Panel of Experts for the Presidential Election of 2024, approval and kickstart of the Global Fund Programme for Venezuela, normalisation of relations with the agreement of a regular RR by the Venezuelan Government.
Caracas

June 2022 - June 2023: **Senior Advisor to the UN Resident Coordinators in the Pacific** (Micronesia, Melanesia and Polynesia) for the formulation of the United Nations Common Country Assessments (CCA) and Sustainable Development Cooperation Framework (UNSDCF) with the 14 countries and territories of the region (Cook Islands, Republic of Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Nauru, Niue, Republic of Palau, Independent State of Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu and Republic of Vanuatu. Facilitation of the UNCT Retreat for the formulation of the UNSDCF.
Fiji, New York, and Madrid

2022: **UNDP Resident Representative a.i. in Chile**, in charge of establishing the relationship of UNDP with the newly elected Chilean Government of President Boric from its inauguration to the constitutional referendum.
Santiago de Chile

August 2020 to August 2021: **Director of the Spanish International Development Cooperation Agency (AECID), Undersecretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation**
Madrid

June 2019 to July 2020: **Resident Representative of UNDP in Barbados and the Eastern Caribbean, concurrently accredited to Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, the British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**
Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean
Christchurch

June 2018 to May 2019: **Resident Representative a.i. of UNDP in Trinidad and Tobago, Surinam, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Merteen**

Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean
Port of Spain

2014-2018: **Assistant Secretary-General of the UN, Director of the Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP (Assistant Administrator)**

Bureau for Policy and Programme Support

Duties: Spokesperson for one of the largest UN organisations on all policy matters. Manager of a US\$1 billion annual budget and over 500 professional staff. Focal point for UNDP on human rights worldwide. Appointment by UN Secretary-General as UNDP Director. Responsible for the corporate policy of UNDP in development matters. Responsible for providing programme support to the 144 Country Offices of the organization. In charge of support to the formulation and implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Co-chair (with Peacebuilding Support Office ASG) of the UN Development Group's Sustainable Development and Sustaining Peace Results Group.

New York

2013-2014: **Bureau Director (a.i.)**

Bureau for Policy and Programme Support, UNDP, New York

Duties: Appointed by UNDP Administrator as acting Director to design and develop the largest professional Bureau (BPPS) of the organization. Supported the Administrator in the leadership of UNDP and the UN Development Group (gathering the 35 development agencies of the UN). Represented the thought leadership of the organisation on the global stage.

New York

2012-2013: **Deputy Assistant Administrator and Deputy Director**

Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP, New York.

Duties: Supported the Assistant Secretary-General in the strategic leadership of UNDP. Spokesperson of UNDP on policy matters. Supported the delivery of policy services at HQ and in Regional Centres. Core management of the Bureau and the six Global Policy Centres (Oslo, Singapore, Rio de Janeiro, Nairobi, Seoul, Istanbul).

New York

2007-2012: **UN Resident Coordinator/UNDP Resident Representative in Mexico**

Regional Bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean

Duties: Coordinated one of the largest UN Country Teams in the world (24 Resident Agencies, Funds, Programmes and Departments). Managed the UNDP Country Office. Acted as Designated Officer for Security and as Humanitarian Coordinator a.i. Responsible for outreach and media relations on all UN matters in Mexico. Supported the Office of the High Commissioner for Human

Rights in Mexico on government relations. Responsible for the programme portfolio of UNDP.

Mexico City

2006-2007: **Executive Director, United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF)**

Executive Office of the Secretary-General, New York

Duties: Under the supervision of the Deputy Secretary-General, reported to a Steering Committee at Ambassadorial level (Permanent Representatives of Member States to the UN, including two Permanent Members of the Security Council: France and USA). As Executive Director, developed UNDEF's structure, rules of procedure, internal regulations, funding requirements, database and reporting systems. Organized the first two rounds of donor pledges and project design and funding. Also represented the organization and the Secretary-General at democracy-promotion events, conferences and speaking engagements.

New York

2003-2006: **Governance Practice Manager**

Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP, New York

Duties: As Senior Governance Advisor and Practice Manager, served as the Deputy Director of the Democratic Governance Group of UNDP. Specific duties included providing strategic thinking on democratic governance and human rights, supervising all democratic governance and human rights advisors worldwide, promoting coherence of the practice as a professional community, coordinating the planning and priority-setting and managing programmes and resources, including the Governance Trust Fund, which quadrupled its resource base from 2004 to 2006.

New York

2001-2003: **Governance Institutions Reform Policy Advisor**

Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP, Sub-Regional Resource Facility West Africa.

Duties: Provided advice to the UNDP Country Offices of the ECOWAS region and Mauritania, as well as in francophone and Portuguese-speaking countries in East, Central and Southern Africa, on human rights, electoral processes, reform of the judiciary, parliamentary development, decentralization, local governments and national dialogue in post-crisis situations. Drafted project documents, evaluated and monitored projects, assisted in the establishment of resource mobilization strategies i.e. new mechanisms such as basket funds, coordination of donors and training of staff.

Dakar, Senegal.

1998-2001 **International Parliamentary Expert**

UNDP BGD/97/003 Project "Strengthening Parliamentary Democracy" at the Bangladesh Parliament

Duties: Provided legal advice to the highest authorities in the Parliament, including the Speaker, Chief Whips and Committee Chairpersons. This entailed the preparation of draft legislation for amendment to Rules of Procedures; overseeing establishment of, and participating in, training programmes for Members of Parliament and Parliament Secretariat Staff; coordinating the production of parliamentary information and documentation and ensuring appropriate dissemination; and promoting political dialogue among parliamentarians.

Dhaka, Bangladesh

1995-1998 **City Councilor of Malaga, Spain**

Duties: As elected representative at local level, represented constituents in the City Council and Committee Meetings. Responsible for taxes, all financial affairs and preparing annual budget. Coordinated seven elected councilors and administrative staff.

Malaga, Spain

1995-1998 **Lecturer - Adjunct Professor**

Department of International Law and International Relations, Faculty of Law, Malaga University, Spain

Duties: Lectured third-year students and conducted research on UN Peacekeeping Operations, the peaceful settlement of international disputes, and international maritime law.

Malaga, Spain

1993-1995 **Vice-Minister**

Ministry of Presidency, Vice Ministry for the Relations between the Government and the Parliament, Government of Andalucía, Spain

Duties: Represented the government in Parliament, responsible for media relations and outreach, proposed and established business of the House with Speaker, monitored all legislative debates and reported to government. Negotiated with political parties on legislative business, prepared Minister's hearings and President's question time, managed public relations with media, and elaborated parliamentary governmental statistics. Responsible for 25 civil servants of the Vice Ministry.

Seville, Spain

1988-1993 **Secretary of State for Youth**

Government of Spain (under the Presidency of Mr. Felipe González)

Duties: Executed public policies in area of youth, including housing, employment, professional training policies, soldiers in military service, drug rehabilitation programmes, juvenile offenders, cultural events, youth travel. Responsible for 850 civil servants, at all grades. Additionally, from 1989 to 1993, responsible for the Spanish Junior Professional Officers in development projects in Latin America.

Madrid, Spain

2005 Member of the Bar

Spanish Supreme Court and Andalucía High Court

Member of the law firm *Fernández de la Torre, Ramos de la Cámara y Martínez-Soliman, Abogados*. Duties: Law counsel and court representation in the fields of administrative, urban, business, maritime and criminal law with responsibility for all international clients.

Malaga, Spain

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Member of the Board of the Fundación Carolina (2020-2021)

Member of the Board of the Patronato de la Fundación Estatal Salud, Infancia y Bienestar Social (FCSAI) (2020-2021)

Member of the Board of the Fundación Internacional y para Iberoamérica de Administración y Políticas Públicas (FIIAPP, F.S.P) (2020-2021)

Member of the Preparatory Committee of Agenda 2030 (2012-2015)

Member of the National Council for Professional Training and Education of Spain (1990-1993)

Member of the Organising Committee of the Olympic Games of Barcelona 1992 and Responsible for the Olympic Volunteers (1989-1992)

Secretary General (1988-1989), Vice President (1990-1991) and President (1992-1993) of the Ibero-American Inter-Governmental Organisation for Youth (Associated to the Inter American States' Organisation for Culture and Education)

Member of the Inter-Ministerial Committee for International Development and Co-operation of the Spanish Government (1988-1993)

Board Member of the National Institute for Employment of Spain (1988-1993)

UNDP Elections Advisor in Bangladesh (2001)

Member of the Drafting Committees for Bills and other legal texts

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS

Orden Mexicana del Águila Azteca - Sash, 2012 (highest decoration awarded to foreigners by the Mexican Government)

Medal Fray Matías de Córdoba, 2009 (awarded by the Mexican Government in Chiapas)

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

PNUD Colombia, Informe sobre el futuro de la democracia en Colombia: Caminos para fortalecer la democracia, Bogotá (2024). Miembro del Consejo Asesor del Informe.

Centro de Estudios para el Desarrollo (CENDES) de la Universidad Central de Venezuela, Cuadernos del CENDES N°114, Dossier Investigación Académica para el Desarrollo, ODS1 el fin de la pobreza, Daniel Barráez, Consuelo Iranzo,

Isabel Licha (coordinadores): Magdy Martínez Solimán, El PNUD ante los Objetivos de Desarrollo Sostenible.

La ONU del desarrollo, el clima y la paz Magdy Martínez Solimán, Pedro Conceição. Política exterior, ISSN 0213-6856, Vol. 31, N° 177, 2017, págs. 92-102

Hacia una política de Estado con enfoque de derechos humanos y género. Magdy Martínez Solimán, Debate feminista, ISSN 0188-9478, N°. 40, 2009

La reforma de Babel, Temas para el debate, ISSN 1134-6574, N°. 134 (en.), 2006 (Ejemplar dedicado a Reformar la ONU), págs. 23-28

El largo camino del desarrollo humano sostenible. Magdy Martínez Solimán, Diego Antoni. Las Naciones Unidas desde España: 70 aniversario de las Naciones Unidas: 60 aniversario del ingreso de España en las Naciones Unidas / coord. por Ariadna Quintero; Xavier Pons Rafols (dir.), 2015, ISBN 978-84-937718-0-5, págs. 293-308

Las Naciones Unidas y la Unión Europea: una coalición para la gobernabilidad democrática y el desarrollo humano sostenible. Magdy Martínez Solimán. Estudios europeos / coord. por Ana Salinas de Frías, 2007, ISBN 978-84-8456-650-2, págs. 121-170

Numerous articles published in The Guardian, El País, The Huffington Post (2015-2016) and El Universal, Daily Newspaper in Mexico (2008-2010)

Published a weekly column on international issues in the Spanish Newspaper group "Hoy" (2004-2006)

"Parliamentary Reform in Africa and the World: Latest Trends", UNDP and National Assembly of Benin, Benin, Cotonou, 2002

"Advisory Opinion on Reform of the Rules of Procedure of the Bangladesh Parliament and Constitutional Amendments for the Constitution of the People's Republic of Bangladesh", Institute of Parliamentary Studies, Dhaka, January 2000

"Algeria Bleeds", Temas, Madrid, 1998

"Ethnic Division and Power in the Great Lakes Region", Temas, Madrid, 1997

"Youth in Spain: A Sociological Approach", Cuadernos de Acción Cultural, Madrid, 1996