

Keynote Speakers



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Mr. Otaviano Canuto dos Santos Filho, a Brazilian, was elected as the Executive Director representing Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Panama, Philippines, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago on the Board of IBRD, IDA, and IFC. He was also elected to represent Brazil, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Panama, Philippines, and Trinidad and Tobago on the Board of Directors of MIGA. Both elections became effective on January 6, 2004.

Mr. Canuto comes to the Boards of the World Bank Group from the Ministry of Finance, Brazil, where he served as the Director of International Affairs. He joined the Ministry of Finance in 2003 following a distinguished academic career. He is still a licensed Professor of Economics at the prestigious University of Sao Paulo.

Mr. Canuto is the author of numerous research publications (in English, Portuguese and Spanish) on a wide range of topics in economics and finance, including economic theory, monetary policy and trade. Mr. Canuto was also a columnist for two Brazilian newspapers: O Estado de Sao Paulo from 1997-2002 and Valor Economico during 2000-2002.

Mr. Canuto has a Ph.D. degree in Economics from the State University of Campinas (UNICAMP), Campinas, Brazil. He obtained his Master's degree in Economics from Concordia University, Montreal, Canada and a Bachelor's degree in Economics from the Federal University of Sergipe, Aracaju-SE, Brazil.

Mr. Canuto is married with five children.