



Alejandro Bonilla-Garcia

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Alejandro Bonilla-Garcia, an expert Actuary with dual Mexican and Swiss nationality, has dedicated his career to the advancement of retirement systems and social protection. Born on May 18, 1952, in Mexico City, Mexico, Alejandro embarked on his academic path at Anahuac University, graduating as an Actuary in 1975. His academic pursuits led him to the Université des Sciences Sociales de Toulouse, France, where he obtained a Master's Degree in Mathematics Applied to Economics in 1976, and a PhD in Economic Policy and Development in 1978.

Alejandro began his professional journey in the public sector, initially as Assistant Actuary at the National Statistical Office in Mexico. He then advanced to become the Deputy Director of the Planning Division of the Mexican Institute of Social Security. In this role, he managed the Actuarial and Applied Mathematics departments and was responsible for submitting his actuarial calculations and social security planning for auditing to verify compliance with International Labour Organization (ILO) standards, underpinning his commitment to rigorous and standard-compliant social protection systems.

Alejandro's global career developed significantly when he joined the International Labour Organization (ILO) in Geneva in 1990. He held various roles over the years, including Senior Actuary, Senior Social Security Expert, and Deputy Regional Director for the Americas. His efforts have consistently focused on promoting social protection floors and ensuring compliance with international labour standards.

Dr. Bonilla García is actively affiliated with several professional and academic bodies. He is a member of the College of Actuaries of Mexico, the Swiss Actuarial Association, the International Actuarial Association, and the International Gender Champions Network. His involvement extends to the Diplomatic Club of Geneva and other prestigious organizations. In 2017, he served as the President of the Scientific Committee of the PBSS Colloquium of the International Actuarial Association.

Besides his contributions to the ILO, Alejandro also served as Acting Secretary General and Director of Partnerships at the International Social Security Association (ISSA), and as Attaché for Social Protection Issues at the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the United Nations. Since 2014, he has been a Senior Actuarial and Social Protection Consultant at Actuarial-i, providing guidance on policies to strengthen social security systems around the world.

Currently, Alejandro is the Chair of the NGO Committee on Ageing in Geneva, he is also the representative to United Nations in Geneva of the International Federation on Ageing and is a member of the former officials' section of the ILO Staff Union. These roles highlight his continued dedication to social policy, advocacy, and issues affecting the elderly. Additionally, he is the Representative to the United Nations in Geneva of the International Federation on Ageing.

Throughout his professional activities, Alejandro has been a steadfast advocate for comprehensive and inclusive social protection systems, grounded in solid actuarial principles and aligned with international standards. His work has influenced policies and improved lives across continents, establishing him as a respected figure in the field of social security and protection.