

CSD-14 Partnerships Fair Speaker Bio

Diego Arjona

On April 2004, Diego Arjona was elected Executive Secretary of Mexico's National Commission for Energy Conservation (CONAE by its initial in Spanish) and Technical Secretary of CONAE's Technical Committee. In this capacity, Dr. Arjona coordinates all technical matters related to CONAE's energy conservation efforts including its efficient transportation and energy efficiency standards programs, but his experience in both the public and private sector has been much broader than this.

Previously, Diego participated in the development and construction of the largest self supply private generation, cogeneration, transmission and distribution project in Mexico (Alfa-Pegi Project in Monterrey City); was an advisor to the Assistant Secretary for Energy Operations; participated in the first Presidential Initiative to reform the Mexican Energy Sector; was a research scholar in the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis, IIASA, in Laxenburg, Austria and a Professor in Mexico's Anahuac University.

Dr. Arjona holds Doctoral and Master's degrees in power, transmission and energy conservation from The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. and an engineering degree from the National University of Mexico (UNAM). He was a Fulbright Scholar, a García Robles Scholar and a Colosio Scholar.