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BIOGRAPHY

Mr. Zael Sanz Uriarte is a Water and Sanitation Specialist with academic training in engineering and business administration and over 14 years of professional experience gained internationally, working both for private infrastructure developers and international financial institutions. Country experience includes fragile states; low, middle and high income countries and four different regions: Europe, North America, Latin America and the Caribbean and North Africa. Working for the World Bank, he leads water and sanitation lending operations, economic sector work, technical assistance, capacity building and institutional strengthening initiatives in four countries of the Latin America region. In Haiti and Ecuador, Mr. Sanz Uriarte leads the policy dialogue with sector authorities. Areas of support provided to national counterparts include, among others, water and sanitation policy making, sector reform, planning and financing, services regulation and PPP for service delivery. Working for the private sector he has managed all aspects of sea water desalination and wastewater treatment projects (including financing, engineering, construction and operation & maintenance activities) under a variety of contractual arrangements (EPC, BOT, BOO, DBO, O&M). He has served as international business developer, coordinating commercial activities in more than 15 countries.

