

## Speaker's Profile

### Sebastian Fernández Cortina

Mexico



#### Current:

- Sebastian Fernández has served as a Director at the Instituto del Fondo Nacional de la Vivienda para los Trabajadores (Infonavit), the largest mortgage provider in Latin America and fourth worldwide, since 2004. Infonavit is a unique public institution in Mexico that has equal representation from the private, labor and public sectors. As one of Infonavit's three most senior directors, Sebastian Fernandez promotes policies to generate the financial, human, operating, and legal capabilities within the organization to offer loans for the most disadvantaged workers in Mexico.
- He is a Member of the Board at the first mortgage REIT in Mexico, FHIPO, and at the non-bank bank, ION.
- In 2016, Mr. Fernández was appointed President of the Inter-American Housing Union (Uniapravi), a consultative nongovernmental organization of the United Nations.

#### Past:

- Mr. Fernández's experience in the Federal Government includes Director of Territorial Development at the National Commission of Housing (Conavi), where he promoted the modernization of the Public Property Registry.
- Under this responsibility, he also served as a representative of the Mexican Government at the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank.
- Sebastian Fernández has been recognized with the "Man of the Year" award for his contributions to the housing sector, and with the "Promoter of Gender Equity" award for his efforts in reducing the gender gap in the construction sector in Mexico.

#### Education

Sebastian Fernández studied Business Administration at the Universidad del Valle de Mexico, and has completed Executive Education Courses on Housing Finance, Accounting, and Audit Committees at Harvard Business School, Wharton School of Business, and Rice University.