

Luis Ernesto Derbez

Secretary of the Economy

Luis Ernesto Derbez was born in Mexico City on April 1, 1947. He received a degree in economics from San Luis Potosí Autonomous University in 1970, a master's degree in economics from the University of Oregon in 1974, and a doctorate in economics from Iowa State University in 1980.

From 1976 to 1983, Mr. Derbez was a professor and director of the economics department at the business management school of the Monterrey Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies and academic vice-rector at the University of the Americas in Cholula. From 1976 to 1983, he was also a visiting professor at Johns Hopkins University.

Mr. Derbez worked for the World Bank for 14 years, ending in 1997. His posts included head of the finance and banking technical division for Africa, head of the operational division for West and Central Africa, and director of financial and banking operational programs for India, Nepal and Bhutan. Between 1997 and 2000, he was a consultant at the Mexico City office of the World Bank and at the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington.

Mr. Derbez became Secretary of the Economy on Dec. 1, 2000.