



BIOGRAPHIES

RICARDO DUARTE

Deputy Minister for Enterprise Development of Colombia

Felipe Duarte was appointed Deputy Minister for Enterprise Development of Colombia in October 2008. He is responsible for policies and actions in regards to the improvement of competitiveness and productivity of businesses; promoting small and medium businesses to improve their enterprising, technological, innovative and competitive abilities, and of the regulation and legal environment in the business sector.

He coordinates and promotes initiatives to improve and push forward Colombia's competitiveness indicators; encourage y align Colombian government agencies so the country will reach the goal of having the best business environment in Latin America in 2010 at the World Bank's Doing Business Report.

Duarte graduated in Law of the Universidad Pontificia Javeriana de Bogotá and completed postgraduate studies in Government and Public Policies at Columbia University (New York) and Universidad Externado in Colombia. He studied International Business at the Washington College of Law of the American University and the Universidad Pontificia Javeriana.