



Speaker profiles



Sergio Gomes, head of ABB's South America region

Sergio is an electrical engineer from the State of São Paulo University (Unesp), joined ABB in Brazil as a trainee in 1981. After 8 years in R&D and engineering in power electronics and protection areas, he moved to ABB Switzerland and became large project manager for network control and energy management systems.

In 1998 became head of global business unit Protection and Substation Automation, operating in 36 countries.

In 2001 returned to Brazil to head the ABB Automation segment in Brazil, including the local business areas Oil & Gas, Pulp and Paper, Mining, Service and Automation products. Subsequently Sergio became ABB's Brazil

Country Manager in 2005 and head of the South America region in 2008.

Mauricio Orenge, Itau Bank

Mauricio Orenge, 34, started his career as a financial-market economist in 2002. He was formerly an economist with Unibanco and Western Asset / Legg Mason before joining Itau Securities in 2006. He has served as a specialist in various fields of Brazilian economics such as external sector, inflation, fiscal policy, and also covered the U.S. economy as a buy-side analyst. In Itau Unibanco's new macro team, he takes care of public finances. He spent a few months in Itau Securities London office and has done a number of road shows in Europe, US, Argentina and Brazil. Mauricio has a master's degree in Economics.

Almir Guilherme Barbassa, Petrobras

Almir Barbassa, 63, has been the Chief Financial Officer and Chief Investor Relations Officer of Petrobras since 2005. He has played a key role in finance and planning activities, including the set up of the first Petrobras subsidiary outside Brazil (in Libya). From August 1989 to September 1992 he served as the Financial Manager of the American subsidiary in Houston, Texas. In 1993 he was appointed the Finance Director of Braspetro, the international arm of Petrobras. From July 1999 for six years he served as Corporate Finance and Treasury Manager at Petrobras, and in 2001 issued the first PRI bond, successfully opening up a new fundraising channel. Almir is ex-Chairman of Petrobras International Finance Co., Petrobras Finance Ltd, and Petrobras Netherlands BV. He holds a bachelor's degree in Economics.