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Francisco Marmolejo is the [World Bank](#)'s Lead of its Global Solutions Group on Tertiary Education, and since July 2016 he also serves as the Lead Education Specialist for India, based in Delhi. In his capacity as the World Bank's most senior official in tertiary education, he serves as the institutional focal point on the topic of tertiary education (also known as higher education in several countries), and provides advice and support to country-level related projects that the Bank has in more than 60 countries. As part of his activities, he coordinates the Bank's internal thematic group on tertiary education, which helps to facilitate exchange of ideas among the more than 100 staff members and consultants involved in related initiatives across the globe. One of the Bank's initiatives in which he serves as Task Team Leader is the University Governance and Management Project under which more than 200 higher education institutions from several countries participate.

Previously, he served as founding Executive Director of the [Consortium for North American Higher Education Collaboration](#), a network of more than 160 tertiary education institutions primarily from Canada, the U.S. and Mexico, based at the [University of Arizona](#) (UA), where he also worked as Assistant Vice President. At UA, he was Affiliated Researcher at the Center for the Study of Higher Education, and Affiliate Faculty at the Center for Latin American Studies. Previously, he was an American Council on Education (ACE) [Fellow](#) at the University of Massachusetts, and also he has been Vice President for Administration and Academic Vice President at the University of the Americas in Mexico.

He has worked as International Consultant at the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development ([OECD](#)) in Paris, France, and has been part of OECD and World Bank peer review higher education teams in Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, Africa and Asia. He serves or has served on advisory boards and committees at a variety of universities and organizations, including the International Association of Universities, the American Council on Education's Commission on International Initiatives, NAFSA, World Education Services, the Lumina Foundation for Education, and the Centre for Internationalisation of Higher Education at UNICATT-Milan.