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**Chronological Resume**

Dr. Jairo Morales-Nieto was born in Bogotá, Colombia. He is an economist holding a Master's Degree in Economics (Diplom Volkswirt) and a Ph.D. Degree in Economics (Doktor in Wirtschaftswissenschaften) from the prestigious University of Muenster, West Germany.

Dr. Jairo Morales-Nieto specialized in the fields of Development Economics, Economic Policy, Agricultural and Regional Economic Theory and Policy. He has taught courses in Development Policy and Evaluation of Regional Development Projects to graduate students from the Interdisciplinary Center of Regional Studies (CIDER) at the University of Los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia. He has been invited to lecture in Development Economics by research and learning institutes in Colombia, Germany, Argentina, Mexico, Venezuela, Chile and USA.

Dr. Jairo Morales-Nieto has been senior researcher at the Centre for Economic Development at the University of Los Andes (CEDE), and junior researcher at the Centre for Social Research (CIAS) in Bogotá. He is author and co-author of a series of specialized books and articles in Development Economics and Economic Policy. He is currently at work on a new book about *"A Strategy towards Sustainable Economic Development: a normative and methodological platform for policymakers and strategists working to achieve economic growth, competitiveness and innovation"*.

Dr. Jairo Morales-Nieto worked for the United Nations as permanent expert from 1987 until November 2010 performing his role as International Director of several UN Development Programmes at country level (Colombia, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Pakistan, Afghanistan and South Africa) and also at regional level (seven countries of the Central America Region) within the framework of peace and human development (Director of PRODERE and PROGRESS in Central America). He has also advised on behalf of United Nations the governments of Colombia, Bolivia and Morocco in alternative development matters; the governments of Colombia and Ecuador in bi-national economic integration; the government of Nicaragua in transition towards peace, democratic governance and open market economy; the government of Peru in agro-industrial policy, the government of Venezuela in local economic development and social policy; the government of Angola in small business development and microfinance; the government of South Africa in local economic development, small enterprise development and microfinance; and the government of Pakistan in refugee policy issues including reintegration of refugees and development of refugee hosting areas.

Dr. Jairo Morales-Nieto culminated his professional career with the United Nations upon retirement in November 2010 based in Geneva, Switzerland. He was the Trust Fund Executive Officer of the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), which is a multinational endeavor aimed to integrate the Least Development Countries (LDCs) into the multilateral trading system in order to reduce poverty and benefit from increased market access. The EIF Programme is supported by 23 Donors, 50 recipient countries and a core of seven International Organizations (WTO, the World Bank, IMF, UNCTAD, ITC, UNDP and UNIDO)

Dr. Jairo Morales-Nieto is currently Executive Director of INTERAFRICA Economic, Finance & Business Development Consultants. INTERAFRICA is based in Cape Town, South Africa. Its focus is empowering people, communities, regions, local governments and companies to take control and advantage of their development conditions, environments and opportunities within a globalized world.

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