

Biography

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Executive Director

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Born in El Salvador in 1919, Aquino studied agronomy in his native country and later economics at Harvard University. He was chief of the Grains Section of the Commodities and Trade Division at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome, Italy in the 1950s before returning to El Salvador where he served as minister of agriculture and president of the Central Reserve Bank, and was his country's representative on the governing bodies of the International Monetary Fund and various international banks.

Before assuming the post of Executive Director, he was technical manager at the Inter American Development Bank in Washington, DC. He stood unsuccessfully for the post of FAO Director-General in the election of 1975 and resigned in May 1976.

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