

# Biography

**Juan Felipe Yriat**

Executive Director

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Born in Uruguay in 1919, Yriat attended Law School at the University of Montevideo.

As a career diplomat, Yriat held senior positions in his country's embassies in Sweden and Finland and was Director-General of the Uruguayan Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1959-1962. He was Ambassador to the Netherlands in 1963 and to the United States until December 1968.

Yriat, who signed the founding constitution of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) on behalf of his country, was appointed as the same organisation's Assistant Director-General for Latin America in 1968 as well as FAO Regional Representative for Latin America in Santiago, Chile.

In 1972, he became Assistant Director-General of FAO's Development Department, and in 1980, Special Assistant to the Director-General of FAO, for whom he undertook a number of high policy missions. He retired in February 1984.

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