

Professional Biodata: **Jaime Arboleda Palacio**

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Jaime Arboleda Palacio is a distinguished leader with nearly three decades of experience at the Center for Science and Technology of Antioquia (CTA), where he currently serves as Executive Deputy Director and Director of Sustainable Value Organizations. His career has been dedicated to advancing productivity, innovation, and sustainable development through strategic leadership, international collaboration, and policy influence.

With a strong academic foundation, Jaime holds a degree in Systems Engineering from Eafit University and a master's in technology management, specializing in Project Management and Evaluation, from Pontificia Bolivariana University. His global perspective has been

shaped by advanced studies in innovation, sustainability, and entrepreneurship across six countries, including Canada, Chile, England, Italy, Japan, and Colombia.

At CTA, Jaime has played a pivotal role in designing and directing programs that enhance productivity and competitiveness through value-added initiatives. He manages key institutional relationships with prominent international organizations such as the International Labor Organization (ILO), where he serves as a Master Trainer for the SCORE and WISE methodologies, the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), the Asian Productivity Organization (APO), and the Japan Productivity Center (JPC). Since 2019, he has also represented CTA as the focal point for Latin America and the Caribbean at the World Association of Industrial and Technological Research Organizations (WAITRO).

Jaime's expertise extends to the development and transfer of methodologies and tools for sustainable productivity improvement across diverse economic sectors. His work has significantly contributed to policy design and implementation, fostering a movement for sustainable productivity in Colombia and beyond. He has led efforts to adapt and share these methodologies with organizations throughout Latin America and the Caribbean, reinforcing CTA's role as a regional leader in innovation and development.

Prior to his tenure at CTA, Jaime held several executive positions at Fabricato, a leading textile manufacturing company in Colombia. His academic contributions include teaching undergraduate and graduate courses at various public and private universities, further bridging the gap between industry and education. Additionally, he has participated in numerous technology missions to Europe, Asia, and the United States, enriching his global outlook and professional network.

Jaime is also an accomplished author and co-author of multiple publications on productivity, technology, and innovation, with several works published by CTA Editorial. His thought leadership and dedication to sustainable development continue to inspire and drive progress in his field.

