

VENEZUELA



Area: 916,000 sq km
Capital: Caracas
Official language: Spanish
Joined OPEC: Founder Member
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Education: Graduated as Mechanical Engineer at Los Andes University, Mérida, Venezuela, 1989

Master's Degree in Energy Studies, Central University of Venezuela, 1996

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Project Engineer, OTEPI, 1990–93

Technical Co-ordinator, DIT Harris, 1993–96

Technical Manager, INELECTRA, 1996

President, national gas entity, Enagas, 2000–02

External Director, PDVSA, February 2002

Minister of Energy and Mines, July 2002–January 2005

President, PDVSA, November 2004 to date

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Minister of Energy and Petroleum, January 2005 to December 2011

Minister of Popular Power of Petroleum and Mining, December 2011 to date

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