

Luis Alberto Arce Catacora

Luis Alberto Arce Catacora is a Bolivian politician and economist serving as the 67th President of Bolivia since 2020. He served as Minister of Economy and Public Finance from 2006 to 2017 and in 2019 during the administration of Evo Morales. He made a career at the Central Bank of Bolivia (1987 – 2006). He is a member of the Movement for Socialism political party.



He graduated as an accountant from Institute of Banking Education in La Paz in 1984 before obtaining degrees in economics at the Higher University of San Andrés (Plurinational State of Bolivia) and the University of Warwick (United Kingdom). He spent most of the 1990s as a public official in a succession of posts and teaching economics at various universities. In 2006, he was appointed Minister of Finance by the newly elected president, Evo Morales. Arce oversaw a period of economic growth in Bolivia. Arce was chosen as the presidential candidate for the Movement for Socialism in the 2020 general election, which he won in the first round with 55.1% of the vote.

He has lectured at numerous European, American, and Latin American universities, including Columbia University in New York, Georgetown University, the American University, Pittsburgh University, Harvard University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Buenos Aires, among others.

He is the author of several books and articles, most recently “El modelo económico social comunitario productivo boliviano” and has huge experience of undergraduate and postgraduate teaching at public and private universities in the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

He was awarded the “Palmas Académicas Universidad Obrera” distinction in the gold category by the Universidad Nacional del siglo XX (Potosí) and honoured as an “Outstanding Teacher” by the Universidad Mayor de San Andrés and with an honorary doctorate by Los Andes University and Franz Tamayo University.

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