



I-House Alumni Spotlight: Marcos Espinal (IH 1989-90)

Public health official and builder of global partnerships to eradicate communicable diseases

April 7 is World Health Day



Years at I-House: 1989-90

Country of Origin: Dominican Republic



About Dr. Espinal:

Dr. Marcos Espinal, a national of the Dominican Republic, has over 20 years of experience as a public health official and communicable diseases researcher. He trained as a pediatrician with three years of residency before turning to research and global public health. From 2003-2010, Dr. Espinal served as Executive Secretary of the WHO Stop TB Partnership, a global movement aimed at eliminating tuberculosis as a public health problem. In 2006, together with Bill Gates, Gordon Brown, Chancellor of England, and Olusegun Obasanjo, President of Nigeria, Dr. Espinal launched the Global Plan to Eliminate Tuberculosis at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. Dr. Espinal then spent the next 13 years as a key official at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) building global partnerships to address global health issues including tuberculosis, HIV, Zika, and Ebola. Dr. Espinal has published more than 100 peer-reviewed publications in the field of communicable diseases.

Roles:

- Director of Communicable Diseases and Environmental Determinants of Health at the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (2018-2023)
- Director of Communicable Diseases and Health Analysis at the PAHO (2010-2018)
- Executive Director of WHO Stop TB Partnership (2003-2010)

Honors & Awards:

- Scientific Prize of the International Union against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease
- John E. Fogarty International Center Scholar
- Albert and Mildred Krueger Memorial Fellowship
- Walter and Elise A. Haas International Award
- Japan Anti-Tuberculosis Association Princess Chichibu Memorial TB Global Award

Education:

- Doctor of Medicine, Universidad Autonoma de Santo Domingo, The Dominican Republic
- Master's and Doctorate of Public Health, School of Public Health, UC Berkeley

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