

Biography

Dr. Octavio F Pastrana



Octavio F Pastrana has a BSc and a PhD in mechanical engineering at Strathclyde University in Glasgow, Scotland, with postgraduate studies in business, strategy, and global environment, at Harvard, Stanford, and Cambridge universities.

Octavio has forty-three years of professional experience in world class companies in the oil and gas, and energy sectors, and as top executive for engineering and construction companies in South America and Mexico in power generation and infrastructure.

Octavio has extensive experience in the oil and gas industry. For the past five years until May 2019, Octavio was member of the Board of Petroleos Mexicanos, PEMEX. His deep engagement as advisor to the top executives and as leader of company planning far exceeded his duties as a non-executive board member, and while serving for four years as Chairman of its Strategy and Investment Committee, Octavio drove the transition of the company on a month to month basis to a new focus on performance and results. During his thirteen years with BP, Octavio worked for five years as Chairman and CEO of Chaco, the oil and gas company which was formed during the privatization of the Bolivian national oil company YPFB, and for seven years as Country Head and General Director of oil and gas business units in Alaska, Venezuela, and México.

In addition to his oil and gas career, Octavio acted for fifteen years as CEO and Senior Manager of engineering and construction companies in Latin America, in the business of coal- and gas-fired power plants, hydrocarbons facilities, highways and civil infrastructure. He also worked for sixteen years as senior project manager for engineering and construction of power plants, hydrocarbons facilities, and oil and gas pipelines.

During 2013 and 2014, Octavio advised the Energy Commission of the Mexican Senate in development of the Constitutional Reform and subsequent laws, an engagement which led to his appointment as board member of PEMEX.

The US Department of the Interior awarded Octavio a Corporate Leadership Award for his leadership and excellency in environmental compliance in Alaska.

Colombian born and with Mexican and Colombian nationalities, Octavio is a certified airplane pilot with twin-engine and instruments rating, and a certified open seas sailboat captain. Married to a Civil Engineer with an MSc in transportation, Octavio is the father of two successful women professionals.