



**Azucena Arbeleche**

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Ms Arbeleche, is the *Minister of the Economy and Finance of Uruguay*, since March 1st, 2020.

Before that, she was an independent consultant in debt management issues advising governments and institutions abroad.

From 2014 to 2019, she was also the lead economic advisor to the National Party in Uruguay, advising directly to Dr. Luis Lacalle Pou (actual Uruguay´ President), and member of the board of the Nacional Party´ s think tank (Centro de Estudios del Partido Nacional).

She was director of the Debt Management Unit ( DMU) in the Ministry of Finance in Uruguay, from January 2011 until July 2014. The DMU is in charge of funding the central government both in the domestic and external market through the issuance of securities and loans disbursements.

At the end of 2005, Ms Arbeleche was asked to work in the creation of a DMU and was appointed Front Office Director. In the previous years, from 2001 to 2004, she worked as advisor to the Minister of Finance on debt related issues, which grew in significance during the 2002 - 2003 uruguayan financial crisis.

Beginning in 1994 her career, she has had a remarkable performance both in private and public sector in Uruguay and in the private sector in Chile. She has been a Professor in Universidad de Montevideo and has taught in Universidad Católica de Montevideo, Universidad de la República in Montevideo, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile and Universidad Andrés Bello in Chile. She has also been writing in local papers and economic magazines.