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Mr. Soto's main interest center on social, economic and regional development as well as on planning, evaluation and anti-corruption strategies in the public sector. A substantial part of his public, academic and consulting work has focused on micro and small enterprise development.

Mr. Soto has a BA in Public Administration and Political Science by Universidad Autónoma de Baja California.

He is Master in City Planning and Ph.D. Candidate in Urban Studies and Planning, specialized on International Development and Regional Planning, from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). He had graduate coursework at Harvard University, and has participated in a number of academic seminars and workshops in Mexico and abroad.

In the public service, Mr. Soto is currently the Internal Comptroller at the Ministry of Economy, where he previously served as General Director of Planning and Evaluation. He also worked before at the Ministry of Labor and the Ministry of the Public Service, in similar matters.

In the academia, he was Professor-Researcher of the Economics Department and Director of the Center of Strategic Studies at Tecnológico de Monterrey, Mexico City Campus. He has a number of national and international publications in his areas of interest.

In his private practice, Mr. Soto has coordinated and participated in more than 50 applied research and consulting projects for Mexican and international institutions, including the World Bank, the Inter-American

Development Bank, the United Nations Development Program and the Government of Thailand, as well as several federal ministries and state governments in Mexico.