



AXEL VAN TROTSENBURG

Director
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Axel van Trotsenburg has assumed his functions as Country Director of the World Bank for Colombia and Mexico since July 1, 2007. He is responsible for the Bank's programs in both countries including the preparation of country assistance strategies, programming of lending and non-lending services, technical assistance, country relations and policy dialogue.

From mid 2002 until mid 2007, Mr. **van Trotsenburg** was the Country Director for Argentina, Chile, Paraguay, and Uruguay, and based in Buenos Aires. He managed the delivery of a large lending program, involving 55 new projects for about US\$7.5 billion, and of a large program of analytical services, involving about 70 studies on a wide-range of development topics. In Argentina, Mr. **van Trotsenburg** guided a strategic shift from adjustment dominated lending towards an investment-only lending program. In Chile and Uruguay, he managed an expanding dialogue and program on key strategic initiatives of the governments.

From 1996 until end of 2001, **van Trotsenburg** was Senior Manager of the Heavily Indebted Poor Countries (HIPC) Initiative, the largest and most comprehensive debt relief program for poor countries. He supervised the



preparation of debt relief packages for 24 countries (yielding US\$37 billion in debt relief).

In other previous assignments at the Bank, he was also Senior Country Economist for Côte d'Ivoire and Country Economist for Guatemala. Mr. **van Trotsenburg** joined the Bank through the Young Professionals Program in 1988. Before joining the Bank, he worked at the OECD in Paris.

Axel van Trotsenburg is both Dutch and Austrian. He holds masters and doctorate degrees in economics and a masters degree in international affairs. He is married and has two children.
