

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Marcelo Abi-Ramia Caetano ISSA Secretary General



Marcelo Abi-Ramia Caetano is the Secretary General of the International Social Security Association (ISSA). He was elected in December 2018 based on his intention to strengthen ISSA knowledge, networking and promotion of social security.

Mr Caetano heads a programme of activities centred on promoting excellence in social security administration. During his tenure, the ISSA Guidelines have been further developed, the focus on innovation has been enhanced, knowledge is built and shared through publications, the ISSA databases on social security are being extended, a new Master's degree has been established, and online events now complement the existing regional and global events. Furthermore, the ISSA has built an even wider membership base, and strengthened its cooperation with international partners.

Prior to his election as Secretary General, Mr Caetano served as the Secretary for Social Security of the Government of Brazil, with the responsibility for designing, monitoring and developing a responsive and sustainable social security system in the country. He holds PhD degree in economics from the Catholic University of Brasília and has extensive academic and managerial experience in social security. Between July 1998 and August 2005, he was the Coordinator for Actuarial Work, Accounting and Technical Studies of the Ministry of Social Security in Brazil. After six years as a Senior Researcher on social security at Brazil's prestigious Institute of Applied Economic Research (IPEA), he became the Coordinator for Social Security, Assistance, Demography, Inequality and Poverty in IPEA between 2012 and 2016. He then served as Secretary of Social Security in Brazil from May 2016 to December 2018.

Marcelo Abi-Ramia Caetano has longstanding experience in the areas of pensions, demography, social security coverage, inequality and poverty, having published extensively on social security in several Brazilian books and journals, as well as in the USA, Switzerland, Portugal, Chile and Mexico. He has been a Senior Visiting Fellow at the London School of Economics and is an international editorial advisor for the Journal of Social Policy published by Cambridge University Press.

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