# José Luis Castro

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*Interim Executive Director*
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*President and Chief Executive Officer*
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José Luis Castro was appointed Interim Executive Director of the International Union Against Tuberculosis and Lung Disease in June 2013. He is president and chief executive officer of the Union North America, an independent affiliate based in the New York City. With 25 years of experience in public health management, including 12 with The Union, Mr Castro has played a leadership role in building today's multi-office network of experts and programmes serving 89 countries.

After joining the staff of The Union in 2001, Mr. Castro quickly established himself as a leader in the international effort to improve tuberculosis control programmes by launching the International Management Development Programme (IMDP) to provide training in management, budgeting and logistics competencies. Since its inception, the IMDP has trained more than 4,000 managers from 30 countries, strengthening 150 NGOs and 28 ministries of health.

As Director of Finance and Development, he helped grow the budget from US $4 million to $54 million annually. In addition, Mr Castro has been instrumental to the success of key projects, such as the Bloomberg Initiative to Reduce Tobacco Use. He pushed The Union to the forefront by designing an effective international grants management infrastructure that made possible that rapid implementation of the FIDELIS and Bloomberg Initiative grants programmes in almost 100 countries combined.

Prior to joining The Union, Mr. Castro advised WHO and the Government of India on the implementation of the Revised National TB Control Programme and served as Director of Operations for New York City's Bureau of TB Control during the 1990s MDR-TB crisis. The program he helped build is still used for tuberculosis control in New York City. He holds a Masters of Public Administration degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

In 2004, Mr. Castro established the World Lung Foundation in New York.

He also serves on several boards, including the editorial board of the Journal of Health Management. He is a member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and American Society for Training and Education. In recognition of his achievements, he was awarded an honorary doctorate in 2005 from Pace University.