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Former Executive President, Costa Rican Social Security (Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social)

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Costa Rican Medical, public health specialist. She served as Minister of Health in Costa Rica in 2002-2006 and Coordinating Minister of Social Governing Council during 2004-2006. As Minister of Health and Coordinator of the Social Cabinet, accounted support the monitoring and evaluation of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), coordinating the first progress report, being the counterpart of projects aimed at children with UNICEF. By the end of 2005, she led the drafting of a new General Health Law, to include related to bioethics, professional regulation, sexual and reproductive health, funding for research processes using genomes in health, a structural system new chapters health and others. Also, for his career has knowledge of the three levels of care; expert in the health system as well as Costa Rica outstanding work in coordinating projects of breast cancer in which she worked directly with patients and volunteers for better care, including major publications on the issue.

Dr. Saenz has worked as an academic in undergraduate and graduate programs of the School of Medicine and School of Public Health at the University of Costa Rica, and the National University. Actually, Executive President of the Costa Rican Social Insurance, which provides public, services in health care in the country and directed the board of the institution.