



Canning House

Uruguay, a Reliable Gateway to South America - Opportunities in Green Finance



with HE President Luis Lacalle Pou,
President of Uruguay

and his Ministerial delegation:

Minister Francisco Bustillo

Minister of Foreign Relations

Minister Azucena Arbeleche

Minister of Economy and Finance

Minister Omar Paganini

Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining

Monday 23rd May

From 19:30 BST

HE President Luis Lacalle Pou

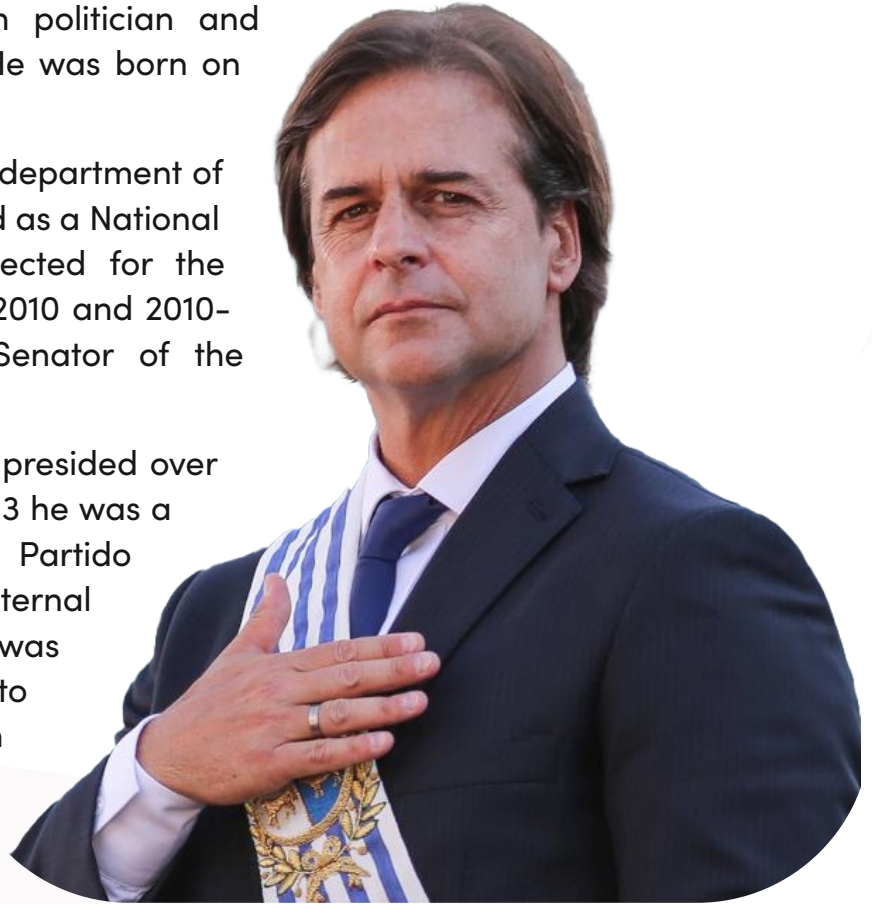
President of Uruguay



Luis Lacalle Pou is a Uruguayan politician and member of the Partido Nacional. He was born on August 11, 1973.

He began his political career in the department of Canelones, for which he was elected as a National Representative in 2000, and reelected for the following legislative periods: 2005–2010 and 2010–2015. In 2014, he was elected Senator of the Republic for the 2015–2020 period.

During the years 2011 and 2012, he presided over the House of Representatives; in 2013 he was a presidential candidate for the Partido Nacional, contesting the party's internal elections in 2014. At that time, he was elected presidential candidate to represent the Partido Nacional in the October 2014 national elections, and also in the second-round voting in November of the same year.



He served as Senator of the Republic during 2015 and until August 2019.

On June 30, 2019, he was elected as a candidate by the Partido Nacional to run for the national elections of that year and later, in August 2019, Lacalle Pou resigned from his seat in the Senate to devote himself to the election campaign.

In October 2019, the Partido Nacional was the second most voted political party and, with Lacalle Pou as leader, it contested the runoff voting with the Frente Amplio in November. For this second-round voting between both parties, the Partido Nacional formed a coalition of different political groups, which resulted in the victory of the Partido Nacional and therefore Luis Lacalle Pou became President of Uruguay.

Lacalle Pou graduated as a lawyer from the Universidad Católica del Uruguay in 1998. He is married to Lorena Ponce de León, with whom he has three children: Luis, Violeta and Manuel.

Programme of Events

Time	Activity
19:30-19:40	Welcoming Remarks from Cristina Cortes , CEO, Canning House and Alderman Vincent Keaveny , the Rt Hon. Lord Mayor, City of London Corporation
19:40-19:55	 Canning Lecture by H.E. President Luis Lacalle Pou Uruguay, a Reliable Gateway to South America - Opportunities in Green Finance
19:55-20:05	 Canning Address by Minister Azucena Arbeleche , Minister of Economy and Finance alongside Minister Francisco Bustillo , Minister of Foreign Relations, and Minister Omar Paganini , Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining
20:05-20:10	Questions and Answers from online audience
20:10	Conclusion of virtual event

Biographies



Alderman Vincent Keaveny

The Rt Hon the Lord Mayor, City of London Corporation

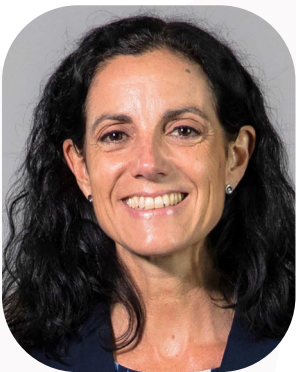
Alderman Vincent Keaveny was elected as the 693rd Lord Mayor of the City of London on 29 September 2021, taking office on 12 November that year. He previously served as Sheriff of the City of London in 2018-19, supporting the then-Lord Mayor. He has served on numerous City Corporation Committees and is a Liveryman of several City of London companies, including the Solicitors', Woolmens' and Security Professionals'. Vincent is also a partner at DLA Piper, advising on debt capital markets, structured finance and securitisation transactions.



Minister Francisco Bustillo

Minister of Foreign Affairs

Francisco Bustillo has been Uruguay's Minister of Foreign Affairs since July 2020. He has been a career civil servant in the Foreign Service since 1986, with his previous roles including Ambassador to Spain, Andorra, Morocco, Argentina and Ecuador; Chief of Staff to the Minister of Foreign Affairs; President of the Administrative Commission of the Río de la Plata; and Permanent Representative to the Olive Council. Francisco has received decorations from Spain, Argentina and Ecuador.



Minister Azucena Arbeleche

Minister of Economy and Finance

Azucena Arbeleche was appointed as Uruguay's Minister of Economy and Finance in March 2020; she is the first woman to serve in the role. In 2021, she was recognised as the Americas' Finance Minister of the Year, and in 2022 received the Best Minister of State in the World award from the World Government Summit Organisation. Since November 2021, Azucena has also been Chairwoman of the Development Committee of the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund.



Minister Omar Paganini

Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining

Omar Paganini is Uruguay's Minister of Industry, Energy and Mining, serving since March 2020. He is an electrical engineer by profession, with prior experience across his Ministry's portfolio in the public and private sector. At the Universidad Católica de Uruguay (UCU), amongst other roles, Omar was Vice Rector of Economic Management and Development, Dean of the School of Engineering, and Director of the UCU Business School – his last role before joining President Lacalle Pou's government.