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Claudia Martinez is Colombian; she studied Business Administration at Los Andes University in Bogotá and holds a Masters in Development Economics and a Masters in Environmental Studies from Yale University.

She coordinated the environmental programs at the Latin American Bureau of the United Nations Development Program in New York. She then moved to CAF (Andean Development Bank) as Director of Sustainable Development in charge of developing CAF strategic vision on sustainable development as a corporate objective.

From 1998 to 2002 she was Deputy Minister of Environment of Colombia, in charge of coordinating the National Environmental System composed of 33 Regional Environmental Corporations, 5 research Institutions and the National Park System.

She moved to Caracas as Vice President for Social and Environmental Development at CAF (Corporacion Andina de Fomento), where she managed the Environmental Division, the Small and Medium Enterprise Division and the Social Development Division. She was responsible for the loan portfolio of the Bank in education, health, water and sanitation, agriculture and rural development, environment and small and medium sized lending.

She is currently Executive Director of E3-Ecology, Environment and Ethics, an institution that provides advisory services involving an integral vision of ecology, economics and social responsibility while promoting strategic and long term thinking and ethics.

A member of the board of CIFOR (Center for International Forestry Research) and the Yale University Environmental Leadership Council.

She has been a professor at Los Andes and Javeriana Universities in Colombia. She is the co-author of "Our Own Agenda", Amazonia without Myths", and "Dawn in the Andes", by the Latin American and Caribbean Commission on Development and Environment.

She is married to an Italian environmental specialist and they have two great sons.