# **Catherine Penaranda**

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#### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Results-driven professional with a strong background in economics, public policy, and business strategy. Experienced in project management and stakeholder engagement. Skilled in developing strategic policies and leading cross-functional teams. Currently pursuing an MBA to enhance leadership and marketing skills.

# **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

# **Project Coordinator**

Colombian Association of Oil and Gas, Bogotá, Colombia | 2021 - 2024

- Developed and implemented social and environmental projects in oil and gas regions.
- Built relationships with stakeholders, government agencies, and private sector partners.
- Managed project timelines, budgets, and risk assessments.

### **Specialized Professional**

Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Bogotá, Colombia | 2013 - 2021

- Designed and monitored public policies for agricultural finance and production chains.
- Conducted economic research and policy assessments to support sustainable development.
- Collaborated with cross-functional teams to implement regulatory frameworks.

#### **EDUCATION**

# MBA Candidate (2024 - Present)

University Canada West, Vancouver, Canada

# Master of Public Policy in Economics (2018 - 2021)

Universidad del Rosario, Colombia

# Specialist in Public Policy Analysis (2013 – 2014)

Universidad Nacional de Colombia, Bogota, Colombia.

### **Economist** (2007 - 2012)

Escuela Colombiana de Ingeniería "Julio Garavito", Colombia

### **SKILLS**

# **Hard Skills**

Economic and policy analysis

- Business strategy
- Project management
- Market research and data analysis
- Stakeholder engagement

### Soft Skills

- Leadership and strategic vision
- Problem-solving and critical thinking
- Communication and negotiation
- Adaptability and teamwork
- Multicultural awareness

### Tools

- Trello & Asana (Project tracking)
- Excel (Advanced functions and dashboards)
- Quarto & GitHub (Documentation and portfolio)
- Microsoft Office Suite
- Canva (Graphic design and presentations)
- WIX (Graphic design and website builder)

# **CERTIFICATIONS**

- Certified Digital Marketing Associate Digital Marketing Associate
- Google Analytics Google
- Social Media Simternship Stukent
- Email Marketing HubSpot Academy
- Certificate in Introduction to Jira Simplilearn
- Financial Accounting University Canada West

# LANGUAGES

- Spanish (Native)
- English (Fluent)