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Andrés Rigo Sureda, a Spanish national, served with the World Bank in several capacities (1973-2000), including Assistant General Counsel and Deputy General Counsel (1992-2000). Before joining the World Bank, he was legal advisor to the government of Venezuela and assistant professor of public international law at the Universidad Autónoma in Madrid.

He holds a law degree from the Universidad Complutense in Madrid (1966), a diploma in international relations from the School of Advanced International Studies (Bologna Centre) of The Johns Hopkins University (1968), and a Ph.D. in international law from Cambridge University (1971).

Since leaving the World Bank he has developed an arbitration and mediation practice and often chairs arbitral tribunals in cases involving investment disputes between investors and States. He has lectured and written on issues of law and development, arbitration, international law and international organization. He lectured at The Hague Academy of International Law on ‘The Law Applicable to the Activities of the International Development Banks’ and is invited to give the lectures in honor of Sir Hersch Lauterpacht at Cambridge University in the Fall of 2008.