



QS Higher Ed Summit: Americas 2026

Sept 30 – Oct 2
Guadalajara, Mexico



I'm **thrilled with the whole experience** and how it helped me reshape my assumptions about the future of education.

Marco Bueno
CEO
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The QS Higher Ed Summit: Americas 2026 was a powerful reminder that the future of education must remain human-centred and purpose-driven. I found **an excellently organized event**, with a very high calibre of participating institutions and the people representing them, as well as presentations of an exceptionally high standard.

Victor Paulos

Director of Institutional Affairs, Universidad ORT
Uruguay

This experience has been **truly inspiring**. I'm taking away valuable insights on how universities worldwide are innovating in employability through AI, micro-credentials, and global partnerships. I'm excited to bring these ideas back to UCV and create new opportunities for our students and graduates.

Donatela Cartuche

Director of UCV Alumni and Employability, César Vallejo University

Key learnings

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The most important challenges facing higher education today are shared challenges that require collaboration, partnership and a willingness to learn from one another.

People and purpose must remain at the core of progress at a time when AI and automation are rapidly reshaping the global workforce, redefining roles, and accelerating the demand for new skills across all sectors.

By leveraging Latin America's demographic dynamism, cultural richness, linguistic diversity, and growing academic capabilities, universities can distinguish themselves in the global market through affordability, employability, and student experiences with global relevance.

The region must leverage the purpose of universities as a positive power in the world, to form people into citizens of the world.

Building ecosystems across higher education, industry, government and society will be vital in strengthening the sector against growing uncertainty in the coming years.

Institutions must ensure that the talent needed globally can be found here in Latin America, offering a complete and credible education proposition with excellent education, work-integrated learning opportunities, and a clear connection between learning and workplace preparedness.

Key speakers

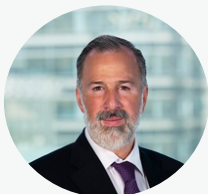
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Miramontes**
Secretary of Education
Jalisco State Government



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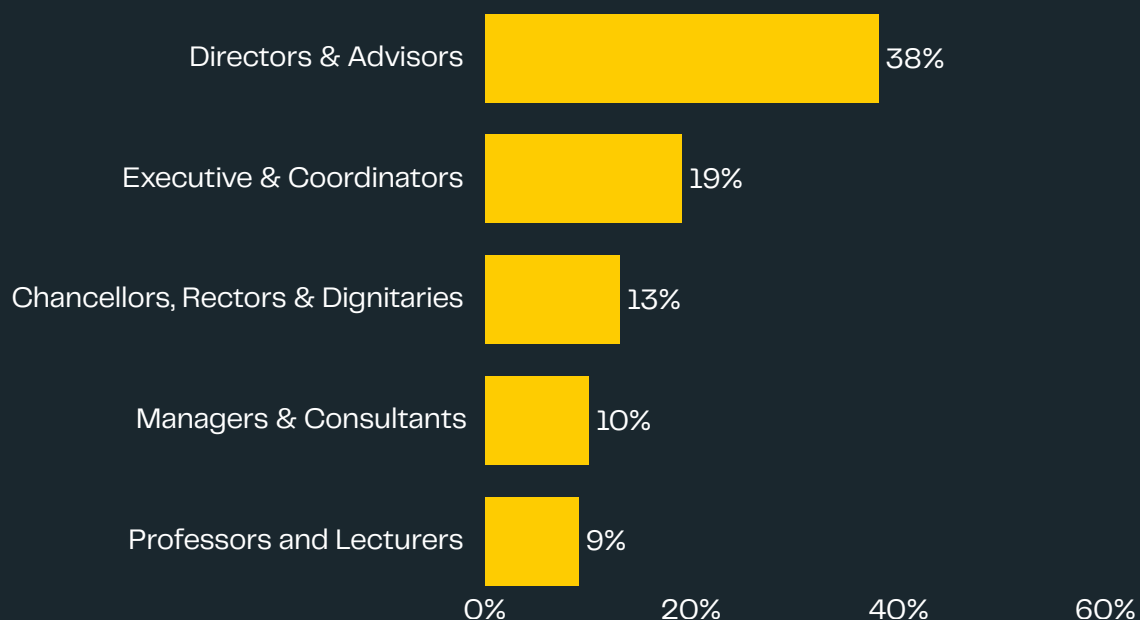


Paula Disla
Vice Minister
Ministry of Higher
Education, Science and
Technology (MESCyT)
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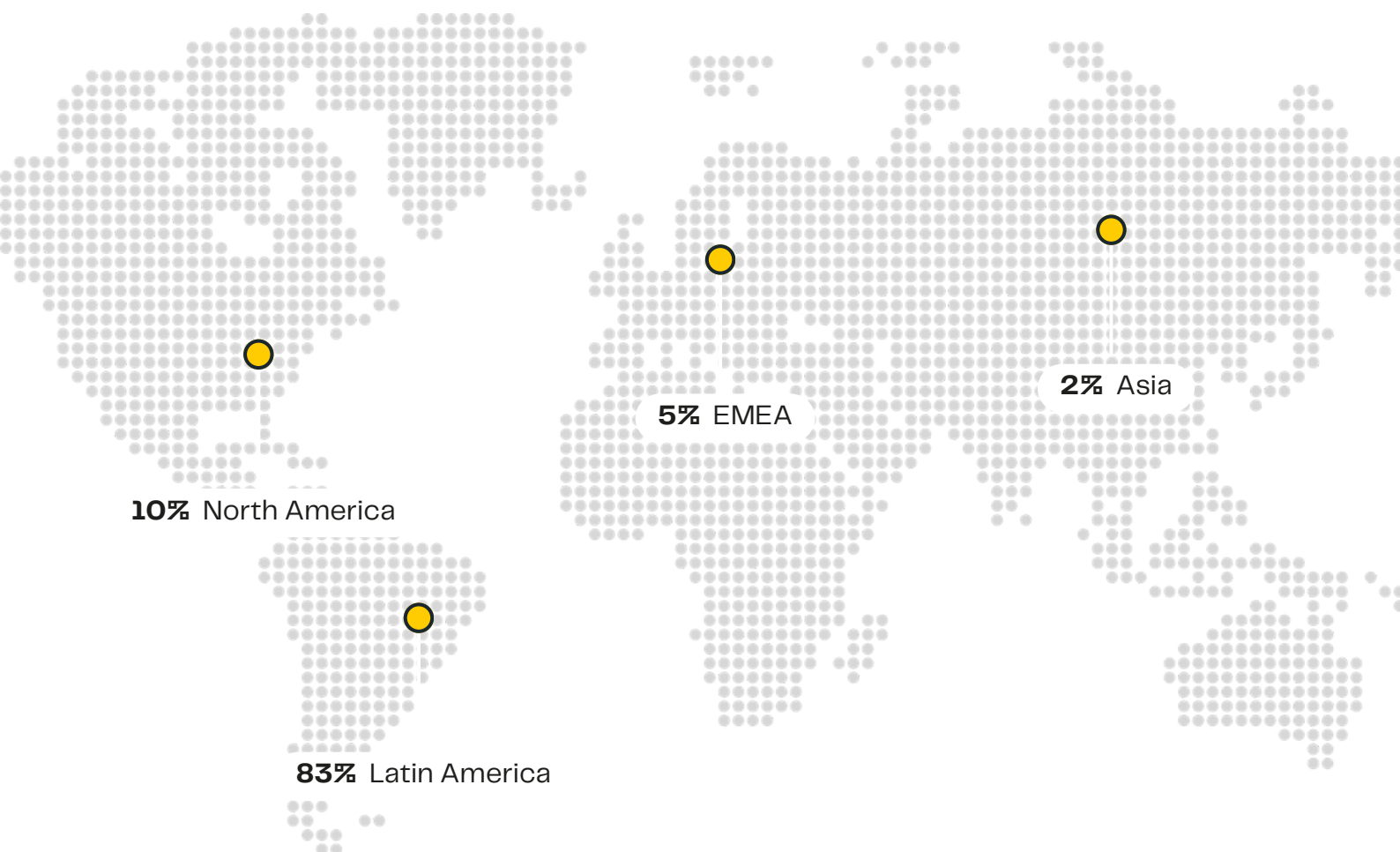
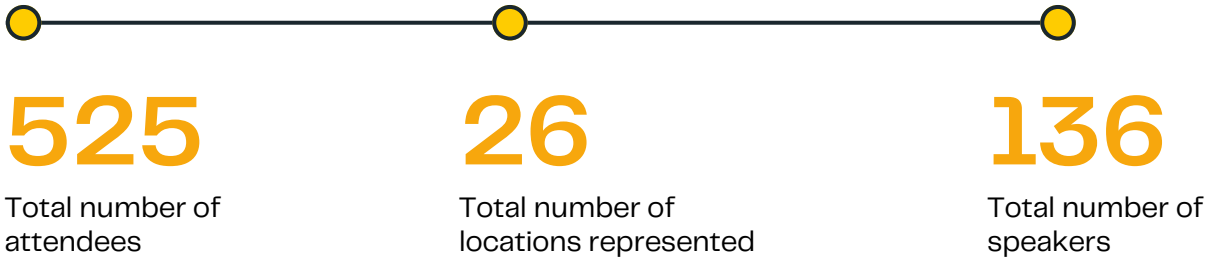
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