

## Mini-Biography – Diego de Sant’Ana

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Diogo de Sant’Ana is the Deputy Minister of the General-Secretariat of the Presidency of Brazil since 2012, and currently the acting Minister. In this role, he contributed towards government management, coordinating the development of social and public policies, particularly the relations with civil society, social movements, and projects such as the Millennium Development Goals and the Sustainable Millennium Goals.

He graduated from the University of São Paulo (USP) Law School and obtained his doctorate in Economic Law also at USP. As a researcher, Diogo focused on themes related to Law and Economic Development, Antitrust Law and Public Policies. He was a visiting researcher at Columbia Law School in 2011 and was oriented by Professor Charles Sabel.

Diogo has thirteen years of experience in the public administration, having worked in the three levels of government (municipal, state and federal) in different themes and from different perspectives (legislative and executive powers). Three agendas that can describe some of programmes coordinated by the General-Secretariat of the Presidency of Brazil include:

**The Legal Framework for Civil Society Organisations** (CSOs) is a political agenda that has the objective to improve the legislative and institutional environment related to CSOs and their relations of partnership with the State. **The Waste Pickers Programme** aims to remove families from extreme poverty and precarious working conditions to structure their cooperatives and receive training and social assistance in order to leave poverty and become public service providers. The **Brazil Agri-ecologic** has the mission of promoting the production of organic produces by providing small farmers with credit from the National Programme of Family Farming and the Agricultural and Livestock Plan.