

HOW TO PREPARE FOR A CAREER IN DEVELOPMENT



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Martin Burt is founder and CEO of Fundación Paraguaya, a twenty-five-year-old NGO devoted to the promotion of entrepreneurship among the world's poor. Burt is a pioneer in applying microfinance, youth entrepreneurship, and financial literacy methodologies to address chronic poverty in Paraguay. He also has developed one of the world's first financially self-sufficient agricultural schools for the rural poor. Co-founder of Teach a Man to Fish, a global network based in London that promotes "education that pays for itself," they partner with more than fifty organizations

from twenty-seven countries to establish self-sufficient schools, mostly in rural areas. Also a pioneer in environmental protection in Paraguay, he co-founded the Bertoni Nature Conservancy and the Mbaracayu Forest Reserve Foundations, two of the country's largest nature conservation institutions. Burt was elected twice as president of the Paraguayan-American Chamber of Commerce, has served as vice minister of commerce, and was elected mayor of Asunción. His publications include books on economics, development, poetry, and education.