



### **Ilya R. Espino de Marotta**

Deputy Administrator and Chief Sustainability Officer  
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Is a marine engineer who graduated from Texas A&M University at Galveston, United States (1985), and holds a master's degree in Economic Engineering from Universidad Santa María La Antigua in Panama (1996). She has complemented her education with executive development programs at INCAE Business School (2000) and The Kellogg School of Management (2006).

With more than 40 years of service at the Panama Canal, she has held a range of leadership roles. In 2012, she was appointed Executive Vice President for Engineering and Program Management, leading the execution of the Canal Expansion Program. In 2019, she assumed the position of Vice President for Transit Business, overseeing all Canal operations.

Since January 1, 2020, she has served as Deputy Administrator of the Panama Canal, and in 2024 she was designated Chief Sustainability Officer, leading the integration of sustainability into the Canal's corporate strategy. Under her leadership, the Panama Canal has strengthened its commitment to responsible water resource management, decarbonization, climate resilience, and the sustainable development of the Canal Watershed.

Throughout her career, she has been recognized for her technical and managerial leadership and for advancing gender equity in sectors traditionally dominated by men. She has delivered presentations at national and international forums on engineering, sustainability, and empowerment.

She served on the Board of Directors of the Ronald McDonald House Charities Panama Foundation (2017–2023). She is a member of the Association of Women Directors of Panama and the International Women's Forum (IWF), and has been a juror for the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering (since 2018).

She was recently elected as an International Member of the UK Royal Academy of Engineering (2025).