

## **MERCEDES CASTRO**

**Co-Founder & manager Agualimpia NGO, Peru. Leads projects generating public private alliances to benefit vulnerable rural & urban population, water footprint measurement & reduction, access to W&S through microfinance. Chairs Peru Steering Committee 2030 WRG. Peru Sherpa at High Level Panel on Water. International Steering Committee member for International High Level Conferences on the Implementation of the Water Decade. Peruvian economist.**

Since 2007 works exclusively in the water sector, director and manager of ONG Agualimpia in Peru, which leads projects financed by international cooperation and the private sector, generates public-private alliances to benefit vulnerable populations in rural and peri urban areas, promotes the measurement and reduction of the Water Footprint in the private sector at international level, develops access to W&S through microfinance.

President of the Steering Committee of the 2030 Water Resources Group in Peru since 2016. Sherpa for Peru in the HLPW High Level Panel on Water (UN & World Bank) 2016-2018. Member of the International Steering Committee of the International High Level Conference on the Implementation of the Water Decade (UN&Tajikistan), June 2018.

Partner and General Manager of HIDRIKA, an international consultancy specialized in water issues.

Peruvian economist, has previously directed private international corporations in Latin America and North America.