
BIO -MARIA DUANNE ANDRADE

Maria **Duanne** Andrade (*she/her*), serves as the Chief Financial and Strategic Officer (CFO/CSO) of the Solar and Energy Loan Fund (SELF), Florida, since 2013.

Duanne co-leads SELF, reporting directly to the board on strategic, operational and financial matters. She is responsible for the SELF's sustainability strategy and leads the capital raising efforts, financial operation and program developments. Duanne also developed SELF's proprietary underwriting method based on ability to repay, designed to provide affordable, unsecured financing to low-and-moderate income populations with low credit scores.

Andrade, a Bolivian national who was grew up in the USA, Asia, Africa and South America, developed a passion for social and environmental justice issues while traveling and working mostly in Latin America. During her professional life Andrade held positions in financial institutions in the United States, Bolivia and Mexico and spent the last 15 years leading the creation and implementation of innovative financing programs focused on low-and-moderate income communities both rural and urban.

Duanne has a **Bachelor of Arts** in Political Science and Economics from **New York University (NYU)** and a **Master in Business Administration (MBA)** from the **Bolivia's Catholic University program in cooperation with the Harvard International Institute for Development (HIID)**. She also attended **Sophia University in Tokyo, Japan** during her freshman and sophomore years.

Other Activities

- Serves on the Advisory Board for the South East Energy Burden Project led by the Nicholas Institute of Duke University. (Present)
- Has been a key note speaker and panelist on several national webinars regarding Climate Resilience and Energy Efficiency Finance including the American Green Bank Consortium National Summit. (Ongoing)
- Testified before the Senate Committee on Environment and Public Works Subcommittee on Clean Air, Climate, and Nuclear Safety Hearing on the National Climate Bank Act S.283 (April, 2021)
- Served on the Board of the non-profit Tykes and Teens for mental health for Children. (2019-201)
- Founded Evolution Business Development (EBD) Inc., a consulting firm focused on innovative financing start-ups; clean energy finance and triple bottom line impact business models (2009).
- Co-founded "Evolution Green" based in Mexico City to promote clean energy for the commercial and industrial sector (2007).
- Served as Professor of Sustainability for the Center of Social Responsibility of the Anahuac University in Mexico City from (2008-2014).
- As an advocate for women empowerment, Duanne founded Evolution Women (EvolutionW), a non-profit organization to help women victims of abuse, violence and poverty create their own small businesses with access to finance (2009)