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Dr. Mario Marazzi-Santiago was appointed as the first Executive Director of the Puerto Rico Institute of Statistics in August 2007. In this position, Dr. Marazzi-Santiago has had numerous achievements, such as the preparation of the first Inventory of Statistics of Puerto Rico and the Schedule of Release Dates for Puerto Rico statistics, the establishment of Quality Criteria for Puerto Rico statistics, the implementation of a professional development program for the statisticians of the Puerto Rico government, and the methodological revision of the cost-of-living and mortality statistics of Puerto Rico. At the same time, from the Institute, he has undertaken several research projects and published various statistical reports, including the Migrant Profile 2000-2009 and Puerto Rico's Knowledge Economy Index, amongst others.

Previously, he served as an Economist at the International Finance Division of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, DC. During this time, he worked on the macroeconomic projections used by the Federal Reserve to make monetary policy decisions, and published several articles in academic journals and two chapters on the subject of international economics.

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