

AMADO AMÍN SALEJ BANDA INTERNATIONAL DIRECTOR

Amado Amín Salej Banda, born in Baranoa, Atlántico, Colombia, was elected to serve a two-year term as International Director of the International Association of Lions Clubs at the association's 108th International Convention in Hong Kong, China, which took place on July 3 - 7, 2026.

Director Salej Banda, son of Lions, joined the association in 1991 as a member of the Leo Club Baranoa Youth Projection and has been a Lion member of the Baranoa Monarch Club since 2003. He obtained a degree in Civil Engineering from the University of the Coast, in Barranquilla, 1995, and later completed studies as a Specialist in Government and Public Affairs.

Director Salej Banda is a partner and general manager of an engineering and consulting company in the city of Barranquilla.

He has held numerous Leo and Lion leadership positions, including District and National Leo Club President, Club President, Club Treasurer, Leo Advisor, District and National Leo Club Advisor, Mentoring Lion, Zone Chairman, Region Chairman, Second Vice District Governor, First Vice District Governor, District Governor, and, President of the Council of Governors. He has also served as the Multiple District GMT Coordinator, Global Leadership Team (GLT) Area Leader, LCIF District and National Coordinator, Area Leader and Constitutional Area Leader of the Lions Clubs International Foundation, and is Certified Lion Faculty (PLIC).

Director Salej Banda has contributed to the development of affiliations, leadership training, and Leo club programs throughout his district, multiple district, and constitutional area. He is also the founder of seven Lions Clubs and nine Leo Clubs.

He has received numerous awards for his service, including multiple time the 100% Award for club and district leadership positions, the District Governor's Award for Excellence, eleven International President's Certificate of Appreciation, two Leadership Medals, and three International President's Medals.

Director Salej Banda is a friend of Melvin Jones Progressive, 8 Diamonds. He and his wife, Miry Vélez Ojeda, also a Lion, have two children.

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