## **Victor Montagliani Biography**

Victor Montagliani is a Canadian football executive and businessperson who currently serves as President of the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (Concacaf) and Vice-President of FIFA.

Montagliani was elected as Concacaf President in 2016 on a platform of uniting the Confederation as "One Concacaf" and delivering a football first philosophy. His vision included prioritizing governance reform, revamping the Confederation's competitions to deliver more competitive opportunities for all 41 Concacaf Member Associations and developing a transformative women's football strategy. In 2019, major developments at the Confederation included the launch of the groundbreaking Concacaf Nations League for men's national teams, and of the "Concacaf W" strategy which prioritized the development of women and girls' football in the region. In the same year, Montagliani was re-elected as Concacaf President for a four-year term.

Montagliani is a Vice-President of FIFA, a Member of the FIFA Council and Chairs the influential FIFA Stakeholders Committee which recently led the way in supporting the global governing body with major reform initiatives, including new regulations governing player agents, and the introduction of mandatory working conditions and standards for professional players in women's football. He Chairs the FIFA World Cup 2026, a position which included leading the FIFA process in 2021 which assessed bids from cities and venues in the United States, Mexico and Canada to host matches for a competition that has the potential to transform the game in the Concacaf region.

Prior to his role as President of Concacaf, Montagliani was President of Canada Soccer from 2012 to 2017, a period which included the successful awarding and delivery of the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup and the development of the strategy which led to the creation of the Canadian Premier League. In 2014, Montagliani Chaired the Organizing Committee for the FIFA U20 Women's World Cup, hosted in Canada. Prior to being President of Canada Soccer, Montagliani was on the organization's Board, and prior to that was President of regional body British Columbia Soccer.

Montagliani's love for the game began as a child and evolved as he reached elite levels in Canada, playing for Vancouver's Grandview Legion and the senior Columbus team. He also competed in Futsal for the Canada national team. Due to injury, Montagliani retired as a player aged 28, leading him to focus on his business career in the world of insurance. After holding senior executive positions at different firms, along with a group of partners he built and developed what is now one of Canada's largest independently owned group of nationwide insurance and risk management companies.