

How did you join the Supply Chain arena?

As a production engineer student, I can't say that the idea of working in Supply Chain was a fully formed decision in my head, all I knew was that I liked to solve problems and enjoyed the connectivity of processes and systems. As I applied to internships, the different roles in operations started to show me what a career in this function might look like. My first true acquaintance with a Value Chain came as I was fresh out of uni, joining the Future Leadership Program in Unilever as a Supply Chain Trainee. Once introduced to it, I never looked back in the past 15 years.

My journey started in Venezuela, then I moved to Colombia, led factories in Central America, and finally came to London where I held global and regional roles, as I completed my Executive MBA. My choice to become a supply chain professional has allowed me to travel the world, meet wonderful people and work in interesting innovative projects. There are always new challenges and I can't say that two days are alike.

Often, I find that Supply Chain is still neglected to the back office or limited to the concept of Manufacturing & Logistics. However, if the pandemic has taught anything to the world it is that Supply Chain is so much more: truly key to business continuity and a source of competitive advantage.

The wide application of the knowledge makes it a very versatile career, a joy for those who believe in teamwork, can work under pressure, know resilience, and have a competitive edge.

Which statement motivates or inspires you?

"Be the change you want to see in the world" –
M. Gandhi



Beyond Emerging

Forward thinking Supply Chain Strategy



**Victoria Cobos, Supply Chain Leader,
Beyond Emerging Independent Consultant**

What are you passionate about in SC?

I feel lucky that in a mix of chance and choice I landed in a profession that I love and enjoy.

A career in this function is filled with rewards. You are responsible for making things happen, so you always have the opportunity of having an impact and to experiment, while in essence thriving for continuous improvement.

I believe the essence of Supply Chain can be summarized in transforming ideas into reality and solving problems. I trust that the evolution of the profession and the rapid changes in global commerce help us draw new talent to the ranks, as it is a path where continuous learning and multiple adventures are guaranteed.