

## **Leonardo Villar Gómez has taken office as the new Governor of the Banco de la República**

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This Monday, January 4, Leonardo Villar Gómez took office as the new Governor of Banco de la República. Upon taking office, the economist stated that "the Bank plays a crucial role in the country's economic stability. I worked as a member of the Board of Directors for 12 years and coming back as the Governor is one of the things that I find very exciting."

Mr. Villar Gómez, who worked at the Bank between 1997 and 2009, stated that "one of the characteristics of the Banco de la República is that it builds on what has already been built, and the expectation is to continue moving in the same direction."

The new Governor also said that "this is an institution that generates credibility and is loved by Colombians. I will work under the guidelines of the Board of Directors and in coordination with the National Government as established by the Constitution."

In addition, Villar Gómez referred to the importance of the Bank's cultural involvement throughout the country. "We will continue to carry out this responsibility to generate more and better venues in the cities by fostering the expansion of cultural activity at our branches."

Leonardo Villar was elected by the Bank's Board of Directors on December 10, 2020 for a four-year term.

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