

## **Guillermo Perry**

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Guillermo Perry was appointed Chief Economist of the Latin America and Caribbean region of the World Bank in August 1, 1996.

Previous to joining the World Bank, Mr. Perry served his native country, Colombia, in various capacities: he was Minister of Finance and Public Credit (August 1994 - April 1996); Minister of Mining and Energy (1986 - 1988); Director of National Taxes (1974 - 1976); and Deputy Director of the *Departamento Nacional de Planeación y Consejo Nacional de Política Económica* CONPES, 1970. He was also a Member of the Constitutional Assembly (1991) and of the Senate of the Republic (1990). He had also broad consulting experience around the world in public finances, tax and energy policy, through the Harvard Institute for International Development, the World Bank, IDB and other institutions



Mr. Perry was Director of two of Colombia's leading economic think-tanks: FEDESARROLLO (1988 - 1989) and Center for Economic Development Studies (CEDE), 1972 - 1974. He is presently a member of the Governing Body of GDN (Global Development Network), the Executive Committee of LACEA and the Board of Directors of Fedesarrollo. Mr. Perry has been professor at Universidad de los Andes and Universidad Nacional de Colombia.

Mr. Perry holds a Ph.D. in Economics and Operational Research at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Mr. Perry is coauthor of several books: Beyond the City: the rural Contribution to Development (World Bank, 2005, forthcoming), Inequality in Latin America and the Caribbean: Breaking with History? (World Bank, 2004); Closing the Gap in Education and Technology (World Bank, 2002); From Natural Resources to the Knowledge Economy: Trade and Job Quality (World Bank, 2001); Securing Our Future in a Global Economy (World Bank, 2000); Beyond the Center: Decentralizing the State (World Bank, 1999); Beyond The Washington Consensus: Institutions Matter (World Bank, 1998); The Long March: A Reform Agenda for Latin America in the Next Decade (World Bank, 1997); ; Public Finance, Stabilization and Structural Reform in Latin America (IDB, 1993); Oil, Economics and Environment (Fedesarrollo/Fescol, 1990); Labor Unions and Economic Policy (Fedesarrollo/Fescol, 1986); Ten Years of Tax Reform in Colombia (Fedesarrollo, 1986); and National Study of Energy (DNP, 1982).

He is co-editor of Fiscal Reform and Structural Change in Developing Countries (McMillan, 2001); Decentralization and Accountability (World Bank, 2000), Banks and Capital Markets in LAC (World Bank, 1999); Chile: Lessons and Challenges (World Bank Institute, 1999); Towards Open Regionalism (World Bank, 1998); Currency Boards and External Shocks: How Much Pain, How Much Gain? (World Bank, 1997) and Dealing with Public Risk in Private Infrastructure (World Bank, 1997).

He has also published numerous articles on macroeconomics, fiscal policy, financial policy, international finance and energy policy issues.

Born in Bogota, Colombia on October 13, 1945, Mr. Perry is married to Claudia Saenz Obregon. He and his wife have two children, Juana and Antonio.