

Henrique Meirelles

Brazilian Democratic Movement
(MDB)



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Date of Birth: 31 August, 1945 (age 72)

Hometown: Anápolis, Goiás

Education: Civil Engineering, University of São Paulo; MBA, Federal University of Rio de Janeiro

Running mate: Paulo Rabello de Castro - Social Christian Party (PSC)

Political History

Although Henrique Meirelles has been a **prominent voice** in Brazilian **politics** in the past two decades, he **began his career in finance**, spending 28 years at the U.S.-based multinational BostonBank. In 2002, Meirelles ran successfully for **federal deputy** as a candidate of the Social Democracy Party (PSDB). The following year he resigned to serve as **president of the Brazilian Central Bank** under the newly elected President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, of the PSDB archrival Workers Party. During his time as the bank's president, Brazil's international reserves increased from \$37.6 billion to \$288.6 billion. Many attribute **Brazil's stability during** the 2009 global **recession** to **Meirelles's influential role in the government**.

In 2012, Meirelles left government to take senior positions with both Kohiberg Kravis Roberts, a global investment firm, and J&F, a private investment holding company. However, in 2016, he returned as **Minister of the Economy** in Michel Temer's newly-formed government, following the impeachment of Lula's successor, President Dilma Rousseff. In 2018, Meirelles stepped down in order to run for president.

Corruption

Meirelles has **not been convicted** of any crimes. However, he was among those **mentioned in the Paradise Papers**, a large set of confidential documents detailing the offshore bank activities of thousands of wealthy individuals.

For Brazil to become a first-world economy, it is necessary to **continue implementing the [economic] reforms** as proposed."