



José Manuel Restrepo Abondano
Vice President of the Republic of Colombia 2026 to 2030

José Manuel Restrepo Abondano is an economist, academic, and public servant, with a career spanning more than three decades in the public, private, and higher education sectors.

He is an economist and finance specialist from Universidad del Rosario, holds a master's degree in economics from the London School of Economics, has completed Senior Management studies at INALDE Business School, and holds a PhD in Higher Education Institution Management from the University of Bath, in the United Kingdom.

His career has been marked by academic leadership. He has served as president of Universidad del Rosario, of Colegio de Estudios Superiores de Administración (CESA), of Fundación Universitaria de la Cámara de Comercio de Bogotá (Uniempresarial), and of Universidad EIA. With these four presidencies, he became one of the few Colombians to have led four higher education institutions, consolidating a career devoted to talent development, research, and the strengthening of education as a driver of the country's development. In public service, he held the position of Minister of Trade, Industry and Tourism between 2018 and 2021.

He subsequently served as Minister of Finance and Public Credit. In that role, he led the country's economic recovery following the pandemic, drove measures to strengthen public finances, promoted reforms aimed at economic growth and entrepreneurship, and contributed to Colombia's macroeconomic stability. His work was recognized internationally in 2021, when Latin Finance magazine named him Latin America's Best Finance Minister. Throughout his career, he has served on the boards of directors and advisory councils of public and private entities, including Banco de la República (central bank of Colombia), the Inter-American Development Bank, FOGAFIN, ICETEX, Celsia, Hospital Mederi, RTVC, and Colsubsidio.

He is married to Tatiana Céspedes and is the father of Julián, Alejandro, and María.