

Dr. Ahmet Ismaili

Governor of the Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo



Dr. Ahmet Ismaili completed his studies at the University of Prishtina in the Faculty of Economics by holding the title Doctor of Economic Sciences in the Department of Banking and Finance.

Dr. Ismaili has a nearly 20-year career in banking and finance, holding senior management positions, with significant results in the financial industry and public sector. The core of his career includes more than 12-year professional experience in the financial industry, especially in banking and insurance, in various positions up to management positions (General Manager and Board Member) in local and international banking financial institutions.

For a full 5-year term, he served as General Director of the State Treasury in the Ministry of Finance (MoF) of the Republic of Kosovo. As an official, Dr. Ismaili was a member of the National Payments Committee at the Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo (CBK), as well as several other inter-institutional commissions, including the Group for the Public Finance Management Reform Strategy, Chaired the working group of drafting the Law on State Debt and State Guarantees, etc.

In this duty, he had the opportunity to represent the Republic of Kosovo at higher levels, presenting the country to the International Financial Institutions (IFI), such as the International Monetary

Fund (IMF), the World Bank (WB), the US Department of the Treasury, and in professional forums of treasuries and central banks from the region, to the United States of America. On behalf of the Republic of Kosovo, he chaired several negotiation processes for financial agreements with the IFI.

Finally, Dr. Ismaili was Managing Director and Board Member at the independent institution Kosovo Energy Efficiency Fund (KEEF), as previously he was a Board Member and Audit Committee Member at the Health Insurance Fund (HIF).

As for the academic side, he has been engaged and lectured for about 8-years at the Faculty of Economics of the University of Prishtina and other accredited universities in Kosovo, both at the Bachelor and Master level, in the following subjects: Banking, Financial Management, Financial Analysis, etc.

Since 2007, Dr. Ismaili has been a certified senior local trainer and expert of the Kosovo Banking Association (KBA) for the programs of the European Foundation Certificate in Banking (EFCB) and the European Banking and Financial Services Training Association (EBTN). Also, he has completed a large number of professional training sessions abroad.

Dr. Ismaili has worked as an engaged expert and consultant for various international institutions, such as the Centre of Excellence in Finance (CEF) from Slovenia, an American financial company based in Washington, DC.

From August 2023, Dr. Ismaili acts as Governor of the Central Bank of the Republic of Kosovo (CBK) and, as an official, he chairs the Board of the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIFK). He is also the Governor of the Republic of Kosovo on the Board of Governors of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Dr. Ismaili is married, has three children, and lives in Prishtina.