

Curriculum Vitae Ambassador Karen van Stegeren

Name: Karen Selma van Stegeren (Karen)

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Karen van Stegeren joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of The Netherlands in 1991. After a year of diplomatic training, she started her career in 1992 in the UN Political Affairs Department in The Hague. Subsequently, she held positions in the Dutch Embassy in Kuala Lumpur (1994-1997), the European Integration Department at the MFA in The Hague (1997-2000) and the Political Department of the Dutch Embassy in Washington (2001-2005).

She then had the following assignments:

2005 – 2007	Management and Policy Advisor Security Policy Department, MFA, The Hague
2007 – 2009	Head of the Conflict Prevention, Peace Operations and Military and Civil Cooperation Division Security Policy Department, MFA, The Hague
2009 – 2011	Senior Advisor Office of the Secretary-General, MFA, The Hague
2011 - 2016	Deputy Head of Mission Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Sweden
2016	Ambassador to Estonia