**Curriculum Vitae**

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**Work experience**

***September 2024 -* Ambassador to Nigeria and Chad (designate)**

June 2020 – August 2024 Ambassador to Sweden

August 2016 - June 2020 Ambassador to Ethiopia and Djibouti, permanent representative to the African Union, IGAD and UNECA

Aug 2011 - Aug 2016   Special Great Lakes Envoy and Acting Director Africa, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

March 2009 - Aug 2011 Deputy Director Information and Communication, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague

Sept 2005 - March 2009 Deputy Head of Mission/Head Development Cooperation, Netherlands Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam

Jan 1991 - Aug 2005 Several postings, starting with West Africa desk, followed by communications, chargé d’affaires in Kigali in 1994-1995, Netherlands embassy in New Delhi and UN Permanent Representation in New York.

**Education**

1985 - 1988 Ecole Nationale de la Photographie, Arles

1980 - 1985 MA degree in general linguistics, Universities of Groningen and Uppsala

**Languages:** Dutch, French, Swedish and English