Ambassador-designate of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Bangladesh

**Joris van Bommel**

Joris van Bommel is the Ambassador-designate of the Netherlands to Bangladesh.

Prior to his current position, Joris held various positions within the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs as well as within the World Bank and the UN.



*Career*

* Before taking up his current role, Mr. van Bommel served as the Deputy Ambassador and Head of Trade & Development at the Netherlands Embassy in Kenya.
* From 2017 to 2021, he served as the Deputy Ambassador and Head of Cooperation at the Netherlands Embassy in Uganda.
* He was the Deputy Head of the Civil Society Division in the Social Development Department within the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2014 to 2017.
* Between 2012 and 2014, Joris van Bommel was seconded to the Global Partnership for Education Secretariat at the World Bank in Washington DC as Cluster Lead Fragile and Conflict-Affected Countries and Senior Country Operations Officer.
* Prior, he served in various positions within the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands in Mali.
* Before joining the Dutch Foreign Service, he worked from 2002 to 2006 for the Association for the Development of Education in Africa (ADEA) within the International Institute for Educational Planning (IIEP) at UNESCO in Paris, and for the UNICEF Burkina Faso Field Office in Ouagadougou.

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Mr. van Bommel is married and has a son and daughter.

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