

CURRICULUM VITAE OF



AMBASSADOR

**SHEIKH
MOHAMMED
BELAL**

Member of Bangladesh Foreign
Service since 1991

Personal details:

Place of birth : Chittagong, Bangladesh
Nationality : Bangladeshi
Profession : Diplomat and Manager

Humanity first and foremost.

Educational Background:

- Master in Public Administration (MPA) from Harvard University, USA in 2012.
- Master of Arts (Foreign Affairs and Trade) from Monash University, Australia in 1996 (With International Economics major).
- Bachelor of Science (Hons.) in Forestry from Chittagong University, Bangladesh, 1989.

Service Record

Elected Managing Director of the Common Fund for Commodities (CFC) in December 2019 and assumed the responsibility in April 2020 during COVID-19. Yet, made highest ever disbursements since reform of CFC in 2013.

Brought utmost focus on CFC's working model in establishing smallholders-SMEs (small and medium enterprises) nexus with emphasis on LDCs (Least Developed Countries) and LLDCs (Landlocked Developing Countries) under active collaboration within and beyond United Nations ecosystem.

Active collaboration in facilitating the implementation of the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).



Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Netherlands with concurrent accreditations to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia since March 2014 to February 2020

FROM MARCH 2014 TO
FEBRUARY 2020, BANGLADESH
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE/
ALTERNATE GOVERNOR TO THE

- Common Fund for Commodities (CFC).
- Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW).
- International Criminal Court (ICC).
- Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA).

- Member, Board of Directors for the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV), International Criminal Court (ICC), The Hague for the term 2018-2021.
- Member, Board of Directors for the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV), International Criminal Court (ICC), The Hague for the term 2021-2024.
- Chairperson of the Executive Council of the OPCW for the period from 12 May 2017 to 11 May 2018.
- As Chairperson conducted the recruitment process of the Director General of the OPCW.
- Chairperson of the Committee of the Whole of the OPCW from November 2014 to November 2015.
- Chairperson of the Credential Committee of the Conference of States Parties of the OPCW from November 2015 to November 2016.
- Vice-Chairperson of the Conference of States Parties of the OPCW for the period from November 2016 to November 2017.
- Vice-Chairperson of the Governing Council of the Common Fund for Commodities for the Asian and Pacific Region for 2017.
- Facilitator for Victims for the Hague Working Group of ICC for 2015-2016.
- Successfully negotiated re-opening of Bangladesh Embassy in Poland in 2015.
- Pioneer in designing and launching first ever website of any embassy in Bangladesh when worked in Bangladesh Embassy in Australia from 1997 to 2000.

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

- Country Representative, The Center for Asia Leadership Initiatives (CALI) - an organization dedicated to training leaders for Asia.
- Member of the newly formed leadership network International Gender Champions.
- President, IFESCU (Institute of Forestry and Environmental Sciences) Alumni Association, University of Chittagong, Bangladesh, 2017 to 2023.

Diplomatic engagements



- Director General, East Asia and The Pacific, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Dhaka from August, 2012 to March, 2014.
- Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Bangladesh, Uzbekistan from July, 2010 to June, 2011.
- Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Bangladesh, Washington, DC from December, 2005 to July, 2010.
- Director, South East Asia, South Asia, Foreign Minister's Office, Dhaka from 2003 to 2005.
- First Secretary/Counsellor, Bangladesh High Commission, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 2000 to 2003.
- Second/First Secretary, Bangladesh High Commission, Canberra, Australia from 1996 to 2000.
- Assistant Secretary/Senior Assistant Secretary, Personnel Management/United Nations/Europe, MOFA from 1991 to 1996.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

- Bangladesh Civil Service Foundation Training, BPATC, SAVAR in 1992.
- Foreign Affairs Training, Dhaka in 1993.
- Completed both the trainings with high distinctions.

PUBLICATIONS

- "Ganges Water Treaty: Water security for Bangladesh", Master's Thesis at the University of Bangladesh, 1989.
- "Understanding the WTO: Getting the Development Right." Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dhaka. 2005.
- Regular contributing writer to Diplomat Magazine, Diplomatic Affairs, Holland Times, vernaculars in Bangladesh, etc.

CONFERENCE AND INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES

- Led/represented Bangladesh in over a hundred conferences and seminars.
- Delivered speeches and Bangladesh country statements in fora like United Nations, Bangladesh-China-India-Myanmar Forum for Regional Cooperation, South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC), Assembly of State Parties of ICC, OPCW, PCA, CFC, etc.

AWARDS

- Mason Scholarship for MPA in Harvard University, USA.
- AusAID scholarship for Master's in Monash University, Australia.
- Life Gold Member of IAA.

More information



Married to Dr. Dilruba Nasrin. Blessed with two children and a grandson

LANGUAGES

Excellent knowledge and proficiency in English and Bengali

HOBBIES

Reading, Cricket, Football, travelling, reading and “giving back” activities

