

CURRICULUM VITAE

MR. AUÐUNN ATLASON

- Born in Reykjavík, Iceland, 4 February 1971



PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT

- Ambassador of Iceland to Finland, July 2020. The Embassy's jurisdiction, in addition to Finland, extends to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Ukraine.
- Director for Nordic Cooperation at MFA Iceland, January 2018 to May 2020, responsible for Iceland's 2019 chairmanship of the Nordic Council of Ministers and Iceland's coordination of N5 and NB8 Foreign Minister's cooperation in 2019
- Deputy Director General, Directorate for Bilateral and Regional Affairs, MFA Iceland, 1 January 2020 to 30 April 2020
- Deputy Director General, Directorate for International and Security Affairs, MFA Iceland, 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2019
- Acting Head of Personnel, MFA Iceland, 1 September 2016 to 1 January 2018
- Chairman of the Icelandic delegation to the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES (CoP17), September 2016
- Permanent Representative of Iceland to the OSCE in Vienna, as well as Iceland's Permanent Representative to the IAEA, CTBTO and UNOV in Vienna, 2013 to 2016
- Ambassador of Iceland to Austria 2013 to 2016, as well as to Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Slovak Republic and to Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Appointed Ambassador in the Icelandic Foreign Service, January 2013
- Director, Department for Information, MFA Iceland, November 2009, and European Policy Advisor to the Foreign Minister of Iceland, January 2011 to May 2013
- Acting Director, Department for External Trade, MFA Iceland, February 2009
- Counselor, Defense Department, MFA Iceland, 2008 to 2009
- Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Iceland in New Delhi, 2006 to 2007
- Counselor (political and defense affairs), Embassy of Iceland, Washington D.C., 2002 to 2006
- Director of the Icelandic Crisis Response Unit, MFA Iceland, 2001 to 2002
- First Secretary, MFA Iceland, Directorate for Administration, 1999 to 2001
- International Secretary, responsible for parliamentary cooperation within the Nordic Council, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Western-European Union, Parliament of Iceland, 1997 to 1999
- Part-time lecturer, Department for Political Science, University of Iceland, 1997 to 1998 and 2008 to 2009, European affairs, foreign and security politics, globalization
- TV and radio journalist, Channel 2 Icelandic Broadcast, February to August 1997

LANGUAGES AND EDUCATION

- English (fluent), German (fluent), Danish/Swedish/Norwegian (intermediate)
- Diplom Politologie (Dipl. Pol.), Freie Universität Berlin, 1991 to 1996
- Deutsch als Fremdsprache, Albert–Ludwigs–Universität, Freiburg im Breisgau, 1990 to 1991
- Graduated from Gymnasium Reykjavik, 1990

AWARDS AND ACTIVITIES

- OSCE Recognition for Outstanding Achievements in the Field of Gender Equality – White Ribbon Award, November 2015
- Representative for the MenEngage network in the group of OSCE Ambassadors 2014 to 2016
- Board Member, Institute of International Affairs University of Iceland, 2009 to 2013
- Board Member, Trade Council of Iceland (now Promote Iceland Agency), 2009

PRIVATE

- Married to Sigríður Ragna Jónsdóttir, MBA, father of two daughters and two sons

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