

Curriculum Vitae

Stefán Haukur Jóhannesson

Ambassador of Iceland



Foreign Service Career

- **2021 – 2025:** *Ambassador to Japan*, with concurrent accreditation to Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Timor-Leste, and ASEAN.
- **2017 – 2020:** *Ambassador to the United Kingdom*, with concurrent accreditation to Ireland, Malta, Qatar, and Jordan.
- **2014 – 2017:** *Permanent Secretary of State*, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
- **2014:** *Team Leader Kyiv*, OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine.
- **2009 – 2013:** *Chief Negotiator* for Iceland's accession to the European Union.
- **2005 – 2011:** *Ambassador to the European Union and Belgium*, with concurrent accreditation to Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Switzerland.
- **2001 – 2005:** *Ambassador and Permanent Representative* to international organizations in Geneva, including EFTA, the WTO, and the UN Office, with concurrent accreditation to Liechtenstein and Slovenia.
- **1999 – 2001:** *Ambassador and Director-General* of the External Trade Department, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
- **1996 – 1998:** *Director-General* of the Department of Administration and Personnel, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
- **1993 – 1996:** *Counsellor*, External Trade Department, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
- **1990 – 1993:** *First Secretary and later Counsellor*, Permanent Mission of Iceland in Geneva. Deputy Permanent Representative to GATT.
- **1987 – 1990:** *First Secretary*, Permanent Delegation of Iceland to NATO.
- **1986 – 1987:** *First Secretary*, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Other Notable Responsibilities

- **2024 – Present:** *Member*, Nordic-Baltic High-Level Advisors Group supporting Ukraine's EU accession process.
- **2018 – 2019:** *Panelist*, WTO Dispute Settlement Panel: China TRQs.
- **2016 – 2017:** *Member*, National Security Council of Iceland.
- **2016 – 2017:** *Chairman*, WTO Dispute Settlement Compliance and Arbitration Panels: US-Tuna II.
- **2004 – 2006:** *Chairman*, WTO Negotiating Group on Market Access for Non-Agricultural Products (NAMA).
- **2003 – 2011:** *Chairman*, WTO Working Party on the Accession of the Russian Federation.
- **2002 – 2003:** *Chairman*, WTO Dispute Settlement Panel: US Steel Safeguards.

Education

- **1980 – 1985:** *Cand. juris.*, University of Iceland, Faculty of Law, Reykjavík, Iceland.

Honours: The Icelandic Order of the Falcon, The Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit, The Royal Order of the Polar Star in Sweden.

Personal Information: Born on 4 January 1959. Married to Mrs. Halldóra Hermannsdóttir. They have three children and four grandchildren.