

Belal, Sheikh Mohammed (Bangladesh)

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Curriculum vitae

Educational background

- Master's 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

- Managing Director, Common Fund for Commodities (CFC), Amsterdam from April 2021 to present.
- Member, Board of Directors for the Trust Fund for Victims (TFV), International Criminal Court (ICC), The Hague for the term 2018-2021.
- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Netherlands with concurrent accreditations to Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia, March 2014 to February 2021.
- From March 2014 to February 2021, 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).
- Chairperson of the Executive Council of the OPCW for the period 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 the Bangladesh Embassy in Australia from 1997 to 2000.

Professional engagements

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

Diplomatic engagements (other than Head of Mission)

- 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 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 more than one hundred conferences and seminars.
- Delivered speeches and Bangladesh country statements in fora like the 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 International Association of Alumni of IFESCU.

Languages

- Excellent knowledge and proficiency in English and Bengali.

Hobbies

Reading, cricket, football, travelling, reading and "giving back" activities.

Married. Blessed with two children and a grandson.
