

Kelly, Kevin (Ireland)

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Curriculum vitae

Mr. Kevin Kelly currently serves as Ireland's Ambassador to India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka and the Maldives having served as two years in the senior position of Director of Press and Communications for the Department of Foreign Affairs of Ireland. Immediately before that, Kevin served for five years (2016-2021) as Ireland's Ambassador to the Netherlands and Irish Permanent Representative to International Organisations in The Hague, including the International Criminal Court.

With a career in international affairs spanning over thirty years, including twenty-four years with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Kelly has led and delivered a full range of foreign policy, peace & security, humanitarian and development outcomes at the most senior levels. This has included: Ambassador and Deputy Ambassador in large bilateral missions in Europe, Africa and now South Asia; Director of headquarter business units for Ireland's Department of Foreign Affairs; as a senior policy lead within the World Bank; and in senior management positions in fragile and conflict-affected contexts in Africa with international NGOs.

Mr. Kelly has extensive experience of spearheading strategic and organisational planning, managing multi-disciplinary and multi-cultural teams and exercising strict budget discipline. He combines strong leadership qualities with the requisite interpersonal and teamwork skills for effective delivery of results. As an experienced negotiator Mr. Kelly has the proven ability to initiate/drive change and deliver innovative solutions in challenging environments. He is a skilled political analyst with the ability to analyse complex information, draw conclusions and clearly communicate messages.

During his first term as Board Member of the Trust Fund for Victims, Mr. Kelly has helped to spearhead major changes in the governance and strategic direction of the Fund.

Educational qualifications

Queens University Belfast School of Law (2012)

Qualification: Master of Governance

Thesis: "Learning from Governance in Sub-Saharan Africa"

University College Dublin (1992-1993)

Qualification: Master of Equality Studies

Thesis: 'Guilty Until Proven Innocent: Police Interrogation Procedures under Emergency Law Northern Ireland'

National College of Ireland,

St. Patrick's College of Education Dublin (1986-1989)

Qualification: Bachelor of Education, (B.Ed. Hons), Majored in Education and English

Language skills: English, Irish, French (working level)
