

# Kelly, Kevin (Ireland)

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## Curriculum vitae

### Profile

Mr. Kevin Kelly will complete his current position as Ireland's Ambassador to the Netherlands on 10 September 2021 and will return to Dublin to assume the role of Director of Communications for the Department of Foreign Affairs of Ireland.

With a career in international affairs spanning over thirty years, including twenty years with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 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 and Africa; 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.

### 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 University 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)

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