

Short biographical note

Ambassador François Voeffray Peyro



Dr François Voeffray Peyro is Ambassador of Switzerland to the Kingdom of Sweden.

Mr Voeffray Peyro began his career as a lecturer in international law at the University of Geneva and joined the Swiss Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1996.

A career diplomat, he served abroad at the Swiss Mission to the United Nations in New York (1999-2001) and at the Swiss Embassies in Spain (2006-2010) and in the United Kingdom (2016-2020). At the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bern, he served as legal advisor in the Directorate of Public International Law (1996-1998) and later as Ambassador-at-Large for International Humanitarian Law (2014-2016). He also worked in the UN Department (1998-1999, 2001-2006) and as Head of the Environment, Energy, Transport and Health Sub-Department (2010-2014). In the latter capacity, he served as Sherpa in the UN High-Level Panel on Global Sustainability, which prepared the 2012 UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) by proposing the creation of the Sustainable Development Goals (to replace the Millennium Development Goals) and the UN High-Level Forum on Sustainable Development.

Ambassador Voeffray Peyro holds a doctorate in international law from the University of Geneva. He also holds a law degree from the same university and a master's degree in international relations from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva. He was a visiting scholar at Columbia University in New York and received the Paul Guggenheim Prize for his book on *actio popularis* in international law.

Ambassador Voeffray Peyro is fluent in French, English, German and Spanish. Born in Geneva in 1968, he is married to Maria and has four children aged between 25 and 19.