



Curriculum Vitae Pascale Baeriswyl

Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Pascale Baeriswyl, born in 1968, grew up in Basel. She studied in Basel, Geneva and Paris, graduating from the University of Basel with a master's degree in private and public law in 1994 (specializing in European Law) and a master's degree in history, French literature and linguistics in 1998 (specializing in neurolinguistics). In 1994, she started working as a researcher and legal adviser on domestic violence for the Swiss National Science Foundation, and between 1999 and 2000 she headed the cantonal office against domestic violence in Basel. Elected to the Civil Court of the province of Basel in 1998, she served there as an ordinary judge for three years.

Pascale Baeriswyl joined Switzerland's diplomatic service in 2000. She subsequently served in the Directorate of International Law and the Swiss embassy in Hanoi, before taking over the Asia desk as deputy head of the Human Rights Policy Section. From 2005 to 2008 she was responsible for foreign and security policy at the Swiss mission to the European Union in Brussels. From 2008 to 2013, she headed the political team of the Swiss mission to the United Nations in New York. She returned to Bern to the Directorate of International Law in 2013, becoming its Vice-Director with the title of ambassador, focusing mainly on Asset Recovery, International Law and International Treaties.

In September 2016, the Swiss government appointed Pascale Baeriswyl as State Secretary of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the first woman ever to head the Swiss diplomatic service. In her capacity as State Secretary, she conducted over 70 bilateral consultations and negotiations and represented her country in numerous multilateral and ministerial meetings, in particular at the OSCE, the ASEAN and the UN. She put special emphasis on human security and Switzerland's mediation and facilitation efforts, eg. new protection power mandates between Iran and Saudi Arabia, between Iran and Canada or contributions to the peace processes in Colombia, Mozambique and as a host of numerous peace talks in Geneva. She served on the World Economic Forum's Future Council on Europe between 2018 and 2020 and currently is a member of the Advisory Board of EqualVoice, an initiative to increase women's visibility in media coverage.

The Federal Council appointed State Secretary Pascale Baeriswyl as the head of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York. She took up this position on June 26, 2020.

Pascale Baeriswyl is married and has two adult children. She is a passionate jazz saxophone player and skier.



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Date of birth: 4 April 1968, Berne
Place of origin: Basel and Fribourg (Switzerland)
Civil status: married, two children

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Since 26 June 2020	Head of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York, USA
2016-2020	State Secretary of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, Berne
2013-2016	Ambassador / Vice-Director / Head of the Asset Recovery Task Force Directorate of International Law, Berne
2008-2013	Counsellor, Head of the Political Team Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York, USA
2005-2008	First Secretary Mission of Switzerland to the EU, Brussels
2002-2005	Deputy Head, Human Rights Policy Section Human Security Division, Berne
2001-2002	Diplomatic Attachée Swiss Embassy in Hanoi, Vietnam
2000-2001	Diplomatic intern Directorate of International Law, Berne
1996-2000	Researcher Swiss National Science Foundation National Science Foundation Program 40, "Violence in Daily Life and Organized Crime"
1996-2000	Legal Adviser/Head of ' <i>Halt-Gewalt</i> ', cantonal office dealing with domestic violence, Basel
1998-2001	Judge Civil Court, Province of Basel

MANDATES

Since 2020	Member of the Advisory Board of EqualVoice, initiative to increase women's visibility in media coverage
2018-2020	Member of the World Economic Forum's Global Future Council on Europe
2006-2011	Member of the diplomatic service admissions committee, Bern

LANGUAGES

German / French	Native languages
English / Italian	Very good knowledge
Spanish	Good knowledge
Greek	Basic knowledge

EDUCATION

1998	Master's degree in history, French literature and linguistics (specializing in neurolinguistics), University of Basel, Faculty of Humanities
1994	Master's degree in private and public law (specializing in European law), University of Basel, Faculty of Law
1987	Matura / High School degree specializing in classics (Ancient Greek/Latin), Humanistic Gymnasium Basel
Other universities	Geneva university (1989/1990), and Sorbonne, Paris (1991)