

# AMBASSADOR JERRY MATTHEWS MATJILA

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## PROFILE

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- June 2016      Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa to the United Nations, New York.
- 2011 – 2016      Director General/Permanent Secretary of the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO)
- Appointed G-20 Sherpa
  - Appointed BRICS Sherpa
- 2011
- Elected to Chair the Governing Body of the International Labour Organization (ILO)
  - Elected Chair of the Ad-Hoc Committee on the Elaboration of Complementary Standards to the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (ICERD) in the Human Rights Council (Geneva)
  - Elected Chair of the Inter-Governmental Working Group (IGWG) on the issue of Private Military and Security Companies (PMSC) in the Human Rights Council
- 2010
- Permanent Representative of South Africa to the UN and International Organizations, Geneva
  - Consul-General of South Africa to the French Speaking Counties in Switzerland
- 2006-2010
- National Coordinator of Forum for China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC)
  - National Coordinator for India-Africa Dialogue Forum
  - National Focal Point for India, Brazil and South Africa (IBSA)
  - National Coordinator for Tokyo Conference on Africa's Development (TICAD)

2001-2006

- South African Ambassador to the European Union (EU), Kingdom of Belgium and Grand-Duchess of Luxembourg
- Chaired ACP Political and Cultural Sub-Committee

1999-2011

- Deputy Director General at the Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO)

1996-1999

Chief Director in the Department of Foreign Affairs

1994-1999

Appointed First South African High Commissioner to India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal and the Maldives

1994

Director at the Department of Foreign Affairs

1994

Joined the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of South Africa (now called the Department of International Relations and Cooperation)

1988-1994

ANC Chief Representative to Japan, China, Malaysia, South Korea, Indonesia and Singapore

1985-1994

Deputy Representative of ANC in Sweden and Finland

## **EDUCATION:**

1996-1999

Masters Programme: University of Strathclyde Glasgow, Scotland

1992-1993

Diplomas in Diplomatic Training, France, Belgium, London, Norway, Germany

1976-1994

Fulltime and Active Member of the African National Congress (ANC) in Botswana, Zambia, Angola, Tanzania, Sweden, Norway and Finland

2006

Leadership Development Programme, University of South Africa