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### Ambassador Staffan Tillander



**Ambassador Staffan Tillander** (born 8 July 1957) is currently based at the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations for the UN Conference on Sustainable Development. On 17 April 2012, he was appointed Chair of the Peacebuilding Commission's (PBC) Country-specific Configuration for Liberia, replacing H. R. H. Prince Zeid of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

Ambassador Tillander has had a long career with the Swedish Government. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) in 1988 as First Secretary in the UN Department. Between 1991 and 1993, he held his first diplomatic post as Second Secretary of the Embassy of Sweden in Brasilia, Brazil. During this period, he was also nominated first Secretary for the Swedish Mission to the UN during the 1992 General Assembly.

Between 1993 and 1997, Ambassador Tillander served as First Secretary of the Ministry of Environment in Stockholm, before taking on the position of Political Advisor in the Prime Minister's Office for the Coordination of Government Policies. In 1994, he returned to the MoFA, serving first as First Secretary and then as Counsellor in the Department of UN Reforms. As a desk officer for UNDP, he also represented Sweden on the UNDP Executive Board.

From 1997 to 2001, Ambassador Tillander held the position of Counsellor and then Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Sweden to Ethiopia, Sudan, Djibouti, and to the African Union in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. In 2005 he returned with the title of Ambassador. In the years in between, 2001-2005, Ambassador Tillander had worked at the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the European Union in Brussels, where he was in charge of the portfolio related to security and defense policy, also serving as Deputy Representative to the EU Political and Security Committee and as a board member of the EU Institute for Security studies.

Ambassador Tillander holds a Master's degree (1982) and a Ph.D. (1988) in political science from The Pennsylvania State University. The topic of his dissertation was "The chief Executive's power in Federal Systems: A comparative study of West Germany and the United States".