

Shameem Ahsan

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Ambassador M. Shameem Ahsan is a career diplomat with over 28 years of service. After joining the Bangladesh Foreign Service in 1986, Mr. Ahsan served as Assistant Secretary in the United Nations wing of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1988 to December 1989 and as Director in the Foreign Secretary's Office as well as in the International Organizations wing between 1996 and 1998. He also served in Bangladesh Missions in New Delhi (1990 to 1994), Geneva (1994 to 1996), Kuala Lumpur (1999 to 2000) and New York (2000 to 2003) in various capacities. Between 2003 and 2005, Mr. Ahsan served respectively as Chief of Protocol, Director General for Europe, International Organizations and for Americas & Pacific wings of the Ministry.

Mr. Ahsan has attended numerous seminars and conferences including WIPO Asian Regional Meetings and international seminars on TRIPS, seminars on peacekeeping and on defense and cooperative security. As member of Bangladesh delegation, he participated in the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting, Edinburgh (1997); NAM Summit in Durban (1998); OIC Islamic Summits in Tehran (1997) and in Kuala Lumpur (2003); 12th SAARC Summit in Islamabad (2004); Asian-African Summit in Jakarta (2005) and ICFM in Sana'a (2005); Member of Bangladesh Delegation to the 2015 NPT Review Conference in New York.

From December 2005 until December 2008, Mr. Ahsan was Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Bangladesh to the Islamic Republic of Iran with concurrent accreditation to the Republics of Turkmenistan and Tajikistan. He then completed his tenure as the High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Brunei Darussalam from 10 January 2009 to 20 September 2012. He has been officiating as the first Ambassador of Bangladesh to Brazil since 28 September 2012 after the Embassy of Bangladesh was re-opened in Brasilia until his recent appointment as Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva as well as Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Swiss Confederation.

Mr. Ahsan is a medical graduate of the University of Rajshahi, Bangladesh. In the diplomatic service, after completing professional training in Bangladesh between 1986 and 1988, he went on to learn French language at Centre Audio Visuel de Langues Modernes (CAVILAM), Vichy and obtained the 'Diplome de l'Institut' at the Institut International d'Administration Publique, Paris, France. Later he was also awarded the post-graduate "Diplôme d'études Supérieures Spécialisés (DESS)" in Diplomacy and Administration of International Organizations from the Jean Monnet-Sceaux Law Faculty of the University of Paris XI in 1988.

He recently held or is holding the following positions:

- Member, Bureau of PrepCom of the 3rd World UN Conference for Disaster Risk Reduction and Vice President of the Bureau of the Conference at Sendai, Japan.
- Member of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) Troika representing Bangladesh.
- Coordinator, LDCs Consultative Group at the World Trade Organization.
- President, 9th Conference of Convention on Certain Conventional Weapons - Protocol V.

Professional Membership:

- Alternate Member of the Governing Board, Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund.
- Member of the Management Board, Advisory Centre for WTO Law.

Ambassador Shameem Ahsan is married and has two sons. He is fluent in English and speaks and writes French reasonably well. He also understands Urdu, Hindi and some basic Portuguese.