

Michael Møller

Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva



Michael Møller is the Director-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Mr. Møller has over 35 years of experience as an international civil servant in the United Nations.

He began his career in 1979 with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and worked with UNHCR in different capacities in New York, Iran, Mexico, Haiti and Geneva.

Between 1997 and 2001 he was the Head of the Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs at United Nations headquarters; between 2001 and 2006 he was the Director for Political, Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Affairs in the Office of the Secretary-General, while serving concurrently as Deputy Chief of Staff for the last two years of that period.

Mr. Møller also served as the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Cyprus from 2006 to 2008 and was the Executive Director of the Kofi Annan Foundation from 2008 to 2011.

Born in 1952 in Copenhagen, Mr. Møller completed a Master's course in International Relations at Johns Hopkins University and a Bachelor's degree in International Relations from the University of Sussex, United Kingdom.

Mandate

The Director-General is responsible for all activities of the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG). He is appointed by and accountable to the Secretary-General. As the Secretary-General's representative, the Director-General undertakes special political assignments and representation as requested by the Secretary-General. He represents the Secretary-General in relations with permanent missions and observer offices based in Geneva and deals with the Swiss authorities in matters relating to the relevant privileges and immunities of staff of the United Nations system in Switzerland.

The Director-General also represents the Secretary-General in relations with regional organizations and arrangements. He maintains cooperation with the specialized agencies and programmes based in Switzerland and Europe as well as with other intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations and established institutions, including research and academic institutions headquartered in Europe.

The Director-General also serves as Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and is the United Nations Secretary-General's personal representative to the Conference on Disarmament. In this capacity, he provides the Secretary-General with advice and support on the work of the Conference on Disarmament.