

## Vuk Jeremić

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Mr. Vuk Jeremić is the President of the Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD), a global public policy think-tank based in Belgrade, and Editor-in-Chief of the quarterly magazine *Horizons – Journal of International Relations and Sustainable Development*. He is also the leader of Serbia's opposition People's Party.

In 2016, Mr. Jeremić participated in the official election for UN Secretary-General. After six rounds of voting in the UN Security Council, he finished in the second place, behind Mr. Antonio Guterres.

In June 2012, Mr. Jeremić was directly elected by the majority of world's nations to be the President of the 67th session of the UN General Assembly, in the first contested vote since the end of the Cold War. During his term in office he played a leading role in steering the UN towards the establishment of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Mr. Jeremić served as Serbia's Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2007 to 2012. In 2007, he chaired the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers. In 2011 and 2012, Mr. Jeremić led Serbia's successful campaign for the Chairmanship-in-Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) for the year 2015.

Mr. Jeremić has lectured at major universities, think-tanks, and institutes around the world, as well as publishing opinion pieces in leading outlets including *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal* and *Financial Times*.

Mr. Jeremić holds a bachelor's degree in Theoretical and Experimental Physics from Cambridge University and a master's degree in Public Administration/International Development from Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Mr. Jeremić was named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2013, and appointed to the Leadership Council of the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UN SDSN) in 2014.

In December 2014, Mr. Jeremić co-founded the Silk Road Think Tank Network (SiLKS), together with Minister Li Wei, the President of the Development Research Center (DRC) of China's State Council. Mr. Jeremić was subsequently elected to the SiLKS Steering Committee, the executive arm of the global network, which is dedicated to the study of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).