

**May-Elin Stener**

Born 24 March 1969

Completed Norwegian Law degree 1994. With the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1995

***Since 29 August 2023: Ambassador of Norway to India***  
***Since November 2023: Also accredited as Ambassador of Norway to Sri Lanka***  
***Since April 2025: Also accredited as Ambassador of Norway to Bhutan***

2020-2023: Deputy Director General, deputy head of the Department for Regional Affairs  
*Covering Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East, as well as peace and reconciliation issues*

2018-2020 Director, Section for the Horn of Africa and West Africa

2014-2018 Deputy Permanent Representative to the United Nations headquarter in New York

2011-2014 Director, Head of Section for Humanitarian Affairs

2007-2011: Minister Counsellor at the Norwegian Embassy in Pretoria, South Africa  
*Deputy Head of Embassy, with an emphasis on political work*

2005-2007: Assistant Director General, office of the Minister of Development  
*Deputy Head of office*

2003-2005 Adviser, Section for Humanitarian Affairs  
*Work on the Mine Ban Convention as well as Small Arms and related questions on the area of Humanitarian Disarmament. Responsible for Norwegian humanitarian aid to West Africa.*

2002-2003 Adviser, Section for International Law  
*Work on i.a. Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, legal questions related to participation in military operations abroad*

1997-2000 Embassy Secretary, Norwegian Mission to the International Organisations in Geneva  
*Work on Disarmament issues*

1995-1997 Diplomatic training, including work in the legal department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Languages: Norwegian mother tongue, fluent English, Good knowledge of French and German

Family: Married, with one adult daughter and two adult stepchildren