

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 5 November 2023: Also accredited as Ambassador of Norway to Sri Lanka

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