

CURRICULUM VITAE

Personal information:

Name: Anne-Kirsti Wendel KARLSEN
Born: 05.11.1970, Ålesund, Norway
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Education:

- Master in Slavic Studies (Russian Language and Philosophy), University of Bergen 1996
- Studies of Comparative politics/Eastern European studies, University of Bergen, 1994
- Bachelor (cand.mag) in German and Russian languages, University of Bergen, 1993
- Several periods of language schools in Russia (Volgograd, St. Petersburg, Moscow) between 1992 and 1996
- Language Studies in Germany /Nuremberg 1989-90

Work experience

2020 Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the OSCE

2016 Director, Section for Russia, Eurasia and regional cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Head of section responsible for the bilateral relationship to Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, Moldova, Southern Caucasus and Central Asia, as well as regional cooperation, the OSCE and the Council of Europe. Bilateral and regional security policy and development issues. Financial assistance to the same countries and organisations.

2014 -2016 Deputy director in the secretariat (staff) of the Foreign Minister

Organisation of the minister's programme, visits, preparation of the minister's participation in government meetings and with the parliament. Speech writing. Travelling with the minister.

- 2010-2014 Counsellor (Press, information and culture), The Norwegian Embassy in Berlin
- 2008-2010 Deputy director, Section for Russia, resources and the High North, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- The bilateral relationship with Russia, resource management (energy, fisheries) as well as Norwegian policies in the High North/Arctic*
- 2005-2008 Senior adviser, International Department, The Office of the Prime Minister
- Preparation of the foreign policy issues for the prime minister, including speech writing, visits and meetings, decisions in government and protocol issues.*
- 2002-2005 First Secretary, Norwegian Embassy in Berlin
- 1999-2002 Second Secretary, Norwegian Embassy in Moscow
- 1997-1999 Foreign Service Trainee
- 1996-1997 Junior employee at the ECON Centre for economic analysis in Oslo (socio-economic research)