Curriculum Vitae

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Mr Kees Rade is Director of the Inclusive Green Growth Department at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador for Sustainable Development since 2014. He is responsible for the implementation of the Dutch international strategy for sustainable development and the interdepartmental coordination in this area.

In April 2016, he became the new Arctic Ambassador of the Netherlands. In this position, he will represent the voice of the Dutch Arctic policy and will work together with other Arctic stakeholders in the Netherlands to implement the Dutch Arctic Strategy and reach its aims to tackle the challenges that are faced in the Arctic.

Mr Rade joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a policy officer at the European Integration Department in 1979. He subsequently worked for the UN Department and Policy Unit for Development Policies. In 1989 he became First Secretary at the Economic and Social Section of the Permanent Mission to the UN in New York. In 1993 he returned to The Hague where he became Head of Unit responsible for the relations with Suriname and thereafter Deputy Head of Mission managing the Development Programme of the Netherlands in Kenya, South-Sudan and Somalia.

In 2001 Mr Rade became Ambassador of the Netherlands to Nicaragua. From 2005 until 2009 he was Director of the Department for the United Nations and International Financial Institutions. In that capacity Mr Rade participated in many international meetings on UN and IFI issues, including G-20 meetings, UNGA and IDA meetings. In 2009 Mr Rade was appointed Ambassador of the Netherlands to Brazil.

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