

Ambassador Árni Þór SIGURÐSSON

Born

Reykjavík, Iceland, July 30, 1960.

Working experience:

- 2018- Ambassador of Iceland to Finland, also accredited to Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania and Ukraine.
- 2015-2017 Ambassador for Arctic Affairs and Senior Arctic Official, Ministry for Foreign Affairs.
- 2007-2014 Member of Alþingi, the Parliament of Iceland. Deputy Speaker 2009-2010 and 2012-2013. Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee 2009-2013. Chairman of the Icelandic Delegation to the EFTA (European Free Trade Association) 2009-2013. Member of the Nordic Council 2011-2013, Chairman of the Nordic Council's Committee for culture and education 2012. Co-chair of the Iceland-EU Joint Parliamentary Committee. Delegate to the UN General Assembly 2009.
- 1994-2007 City Councillor, City of Reykjavik. President of the Reykjavik City Council 2002-2005. Chairman of the Board of the Port of Reykjavik 1994-2006. Chairman of the Icelandic Port Association 1997-2004. Project Manager, Icelandic Association of Local Authorities, Brussels 2005 (on leave as City Councillor). Member of the Board of the Icelandic Association of Local Authorities 2002-2007. Political Advisor to the Mayor of Reykjavik, 1998-1999.
- 1992-1997 Senior Advisor for Economic Affairs, Icelandic Teachers' Union.
- 1989-1991 Head of Division, Ministry for Communication and Tourism.
- 1988-1989 News Reporter Icelandic State Broadcasting Service (RÚV), Reykjavik. News Correspondent for RÚV in Moscow 1988.

Education:

- 2015 M.A. in international Relations, University of Iceland.
- 2001 Dipl. in Public Administration, University of Iceland.
- 1986-1988 Research scholarship in Slavic Languages, University of Stockholm, Sweden, and Moscow State University, Russia.
- 1986 Cand.mag. in Economics, Russian and Czech, University of Oslo, Norway.

Other responsibilities:

- 2006-2008 Board member of the International Association of Cities and Ports.
- 2003-2008 Delegate to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Strasbourg.
- 2002-2006 Board member of the Eurocities' Mobility Forum.
- 1998-2004 Board member of the Reykjavik Saving Bank.
- 1990-1991 Chairman of the Icelandic Students' Loan Fund.
- 1989-1993 Vice-chair of the Icelandic Tourist Board.

Married to

Dr. Sigurbjörg ÞORSTEINSDÓTTIR, they have three children and one grandchild.

