



Curriculum Vitae Pascale Baeriswyl

Ambassador, Permanent Representative

Pascale Baeriswyl, born in 1968, grew up in Basel. She studied in Basel, Geneva and Paris, graduating from the University of Basel with a Master's degree in private and public law in 1994 (specializing in European Law) and a Master's degree in history, French literature and linguistics in 1998 (specializing in neurolinguistics). In 1994, she started working as a researcher and legal adviser on domestic violence for the Swiss National Science Foundation, and between 1999 and 2000 she headed the cantonal office against domestic violence in Basel. Elected to the Civil Court of the province of Basel in 1998, she served there as an ordinary judge for three years.

Pascale Baeriswyl joined Switzerland's diplomatic service in 2000. She subsequently served in the Directorate of International Law and the Swiss embassy in Hanoi, before taking over the Asia desk as deputy head of the Human Rights Policy Section. From 2005 to 2008, she was responsible for foreign and security policy at the Swiss Mission to the European Union in Brussels. From 2008 to 2013, she headed the political team of the Swiss Mission to the United Nations in New York. She returned to Bern to the Directorate of International Law in 2013, becoming its Vice-Director with the title of Ambassador, focusing mainly on Asset Recovery, International Law and International Treaties.

In September 2016, the Swiss government appointed Pascale Baeriswyl as State Secretary of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, the first woman ever to head the Swiss diplomatic service. In her capacity as State Secretary, she conducted over 70 bilateral consultations and negotiations and represented her country in numerous multilateral and ministerial meetings, in particular at the OSCE, the ASEAN and the UN. She put special emphasis on human security and Switzerland's mediation and facilitation efforts. These included new protection power mandates between Iran and Saudi Arabia - as well as between Iran and Canada - and contributions to the peace processes in Colombia and Mozambique. She served on the World Economic Forum's Future Council on Europe between 2018 and 2020.

In June 2020, Pascale Baeriswyl took up the position as the head of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations in New York during the last phase of Switzerland's candidacy for a seat in the UN Security Council. In the context of her function as Swiss Ambassador to the UN, she was chair of the PBC Burundi Configuration and Vice-President of the UN Economic and Social Council between 2020-2021. Since January 2023, she has been representing Switzerland in the UN Security Council, which she chaired in May 2023.

Pascale Baeriswyl is a member of the Advisory Board of *EqualVoice*, an initiative to increase women's visibility in media coverage. She is married and has two adult children. She is a passionate jazz saxophone player and skier.