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## Curriculum Vitae

**Manuel SAGER** was born in 1955 in Menziken, his place of citizenship, in the canton of Aargau. He completed his studies at the Faculty of Law in Zurich University with a doctorate and pursued postgraduate studies at the Duke University Law School in the USA, obtaining a Master of Laws and Letters (LL.M.). He then obtained a licence to practise as a patent attorney in the US state of Arizona and worked for two years as an attorney-at-law in a law office in Phoenix. In 1988 he started working for the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and was assigned as an intern to Bern and Athens.

From 1990 to 1993 Manuel Sager worked as a diplomatic officer in the Directorate of International Law. From 1993 to 1995 he was head of the Division for Humanitarian Law. From 1995 to 1999 he was Deputy Consul General in New York and from 1999 to 2001 he was Head of Communications at the Embassy in Washington. From November 2001 to September 2002 he was in charge of the Coordination Office for Humanitarian Law at the Directorate of International Law. From October 2002, he was employed as the Head of Communications in the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and from February 2003 in the same position in the Federal Department of Economic Affairs. From October 2005 to July 2008, Mr. Sager worked as the Executive Director, with the title of ambassador at the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development in London. Since September 2008 he has been in charge of the Political Division V at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, also with the title of ambassador.