

# Connie Hedegaard

## **Personal details**

- Danish
- Born September 15, 1960, Holbæk, Denmark
- Married
- 2 children

## **Current duties**

- Minister for The United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen 2009.

## **Political career**

- 2007 – 2009: Minister of Climate and Energy
- 2008 – 2009: Member of The Danish Governments Coordination Committee
- 2004 – 2007: Minister for Environment, 2005 – 2007 also Minister for Nordic Cooperation
- 1984 – 1990 and 2005-2009: Member of Parliament, the Conservative Peoples Party.

## **Professional career**

- 1998 – 2004: Anchor at current affairs magazine “Deadline” on DR2, Danish Broadcasting Cooperation
- 1998 – 2004: Columnist at Danish national newspaper “Politiken”.
- 1994 – 1998: Head of News Bulletin Service, Radioavisen, at the Danish Broadcasting Cooperation
- 1990 – 1994: Journalist at Danish national newspaper ”Berlingske Tidende”.

## **Other activities**

- Chairman of the Evaluation of the education of journalists at the Danish School of Journalism, 2004
- Chairman of the Children’s film festival “Buster”, 2002 - 2004
- Chairman of the Ministry of Cultural Affairs’s Development Foundation (Kulturministeriets udviklingsfond), 2004
- Board member of the “Year 2000”-foundation (År-2000 Fonden), 2000
- Chairman of the Centre for Cultural Cooperation with developing Countries (CKU), 1998-2001
- Board member of the Danish National Centre of Technology Supported Learning, 1995 - 1998
- Member of the Committee on Public Information Policy (Udvalget om offentlig informationspolitik), 1996-1997
- Board member of the Democracy Foundation, 1990-95
- President of the Atlantic Association of Young Political Leaders, 1985.
- Chairman of the Conservative Students’ National Organisation, 1983-84

## **Publications:**

- “Da klimaet blev hot”, by Connie Hedegaard, 2008 (Book on climate debate).
- “The 20<sup>th</sup> century – the 100 most influential people in Denmark”, by Connie Hedegaard and Claus Hagen Pedersen, 1999.

- Contributions to a number of books and anthologies

**Awards:**

- National Press Club of Denmark Award (PUBLICISTPRISEN), 2003
- People's Education Association Culture Award (FOF's kulturpris), 2002
- Christian Listeners and Viewers Association Award (KLF's hæderslegat), 2001
- Ebbe Munck Award (Ebbe Muncks hæderspris), 2001

**Education**

- Masters degree in Literature and History from University of Copenhagen
- 1979: Graduated high school (Stenhus Gymnasium)
- 1967-1976: Primary School (Holbæk Private Realskole)

**Languages**

- Danish: mother tongue
- English: excellent
- German: basic
- French: basic