

Alberto Van Klaveren
Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs



Alberto Van Klaveren studied Law at the University of Chile, obtained an MA from the Graduate School of International Studies of the University of Denver and the degree of Drs. from the University of Leiden, Netherlands.

Since 1972, he has pursued an academic career at the Institute of International Studies and the Faculty of Law of the University of Chile. Between 1985 and 1992 he lived in Spain, where he worked for the Institute for European-Latin American Relations (IRELA), the Asociación de Investigación y Especialización sobre Temas Iberoamericanos (AIETI, a research institute specialized in Latin American affairs) and the Instituto Universitario Ortega y Gasset. In 1992 he returned to Chile, where he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a senior advisor. He also resumed his academic career at the Institute of International Studies, becoming its director for approximately eighteen months.

From 1996 to 2001, he was Director for Policy Planning in the Foreign Ministry, at which time he advised several Foreign Ministers and worked as Executive Secretary of the Foreign Policy Council.

From May 2001 until being appointed to his current post, he was Ambassador and Head of the Chilean Mission to the European Union. Between 2004 and 2006, after the merger of the Chilean Embassies in Brussels, he also became Ambassador to Belgium and Luxembourg.

As Ambassador to the EU, he actively participated in negotiations for the Political and Economic Association Accord currently in effect between Chile and the EU.

Between 2004 and 2005 Ambassador van Klaveren was Chair of the Council of IDEA, the inter-governmental Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, based in Stockholm.

Editor and co-author of several books on the international relations of Latin America, he has written articles on foreign policy, comparative politics and the international context of democracy.

Mr van Klaveren speaks Spanish, English, Dutch and some French. He is married and he has two grown up children.