

Biography
Ambassador Hagar Islambouly
Head of the BA External Relations Sector

Ambassador Islambouly is former Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for the Americas; and later Assistant Minister of Foreign Affairs for International Economic Relations and International Cooperation.

She served as Egypt's Ambassador to South Africa and Egypt's Consul General for US Western Pacific Region based in San Francisco.

A career diplomat since 1974, has served a variety of roles in Egypt's Foreign Ministry, including Director of the Department of International Economic Relations, Director of the Department of Environment and Sustainable Development, Deputy Director of International Organizations Department, and Deputy Director of the Department of Israel.

She served as the Chief Negotiator and Head of the Egyptian Delegation to the Environment Working Group (Multilateral track of the Peace Conference in the Middle East); and a member of the Egyptian National Commission assigned for the preparation of the Peace Conference in the Middle East (Madrid).

In the 1980s, she served as Counselor in Egypt's Embassy in Bonn; and in the 1970s as a Second Secretary of Egypt's Embassy in Madrid.

She is a member of the Egyptian Council on Foreign Relations. She has participated in a number of UN international conferences and meetings, including Greece 2006 (Internet Governance Forum, Athens), UN General Assembly, the UN Conference for Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Marrakech Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, UN Rio Conference on Environment and Development, UN Conference on Population and Development, UN Conference on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, UNEP conferences and negotiating committees for international conventions in the field of environment (climate change, biological diversity, desertification, etc).

She participated in regional organizations, conferences, and related summits: Organization of Islamic Countries, Organization of African Unity, African Union, Arab League, and Middle East Economic Summits.

She holds an Honorary Doctorate for Humanities from Wilson College (US Pennsylvania) as a renowned ambassador, peace-maker, advocate for environment, and for her outstanding leadership as a woman, who has furthered the causes of international peace and understanding. Honored also with the Order of the Civil Merit (Grand Cruz) from the President of Republic of Germany. Honored with the Order of the Civil Merit (Lazo De Dama) from the King of Spain.

She has lectured and published articles and shared in panel debates in Egypt, USA, South Africa on issues relating to global and regional security, peace and development, foreign policy and environment, international economic relations,

liberalization of trade, international technology policies, women in Islam, human rights and democracy in Islam, and development and MDGs.

She is a graduate from the Faculty of Economics and Political Sciences, Cairo University, in 1969. She is married to Dr. Mohamed Adel Ezzat (MD) Psychiatric Consultant and former Director-General of Cairo University Hospital.