

CURRICULUM VITAE  
AMBASSADOR  
HELGA HAUKSDÓTTIR

PERSONAL INFORMATION

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Date of birth: 18 February 1969  
Place of Birth: Reykjavík  
Nationality: Icelandic  
Married to Mr. Hafþor Thorleifsson (d.o.b. 7.11.1967). One daughter, Urdur Hafþorsdóttir (d.o.b. 23.12.1999).

EDUCATION

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1988 – 1994	University of Iceland, Faculty of Law, Reykjavík, Iceland <i>Cand. Jur.</i>
July 2008	Rhodes Academy on Oceans Law and Policy, <i>Course on Oceans and the Law of the Sea</i>
2011-2013	Alliance Francaise, Diplôme d'Études en Langue Française <i>DELFA2 (completed in May 2012)</i> <i>DELFB1 (completed in December 2013)</i>
2015	Starfsmennt (The Educational Training Center for Public Employees) <i>Course on Icelandic Standards (IST) for equal pay</i>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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1994 - 1998	Office of the District Commissioner in the Vestman Islands, Iceland <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deputy from 19 July 1994 – 30 April 1998</li><li>• Acting District Commissioner from 1 May – 30 June 1998</li></ul>
1 July 1998 – to date	Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Reykjavík <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• First Secretary, Defence Department (legal adviser), 1998-2001</li><li>• First Secretary, Office of the Legal Adviser, 2001-2002</li><li>• Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Iceland to the United Nations, New York, 2002-2005 (portfolio included 2nd, 3rd and 6th committees, oceans and the law of the sea)</li><li>• Counsellor, Embassy of Iceland, Stockholm, Sweden, 2005-2007</li><li>• Counsellor, Department for International Affairs, MFA, Reykjavík, Iceland, from 1 August 2007 – 14 September 2009 (portfolio included coordination of UN issues, climate change, oceans and fisheries, and legal questions, mostly in regard to domestic law)</li><li>• Director, Human Resources, MFA, Reykjavík, Iceland, since 15 September 2009-31 July 2016</li><li>• Appointed Ambassador as of 1 January 2016</li><li>• Director General, Directorate for Legal and Executive Affairs, 1 August 2016-31 July 2019</li><li>• President of the 27<sup>th</sup> Meeting of States Parties to the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea, 2017-18</li><li>• Ambassador, Embassy of Iceland, Copenhagen, Denmark, 1 August 2019 (also accredited to Australia and Turkey, accredited to Romania and Bulgaria from August 2019-december 2022)</li><li>• Ambassador and Permanent Representative, Embassy and Permanent Mission of Iceland, Vienna, Austria, 1 August 2023</li></ul>

LANGUAGES

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Icelandic – maternal language	Danish – fluent
English – fluent	German – intermediate
Swedish – fluent	French – basic knowledge

OTHER

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2013 – 2018	Chairman for and member of advisory boards for appointments of Directors General in Ministries of the Government of Iceland.
2023	Awarded Order of the Dannebrog by H.M. The Queen of Denmark