



Pacific Alliance Bios

Pierre Alarie, Canadian Ambassador to Mexico

Ambassador Alarie joined what is now Global Affairs Canada in 1982. He spent time abroad while serving, including in Nigeria as Second Secretary and in Chile as First Secretary. After his assignments, Ambassador Alarie joined the private sector. He held senior roles in two Canadian firms – Bombardier Inc. and SNC-Lavalin. He subsequently served as Managing Director for Latin America of Caisse de Dépôt et Placement du Québec, before becoming the Bank of Nova Scotia’s country representative in Mexico. He later worked for several Canadian firms, including Brookfield Renewable Energy Group and the Canadian Commercial Corporation. In 2015, he was appointed Canadian Ambassador to Mexico. He holds an MA in Public Administration from the College of Europe in Bruges.



Gwyneth A. Kutz, Canadian Ambassador to Peru and Bolivia

Ambassador Kutz is a career Canadian Foreign Service officer who joined the department in 1988. She has served abroad at the Permanent Missions of Canada to the United Nations, the Organization of American States in Washington and Canadian Embassies Peru, Spain, Albania, El Salvador, Argentina and Paraguay. In Ottawa, Ambassador Kutz worked on issues relating to energy and the environment, personnel assignments and regional security and peacekeeping. She has also served as Human Rights Director and as Senior Advisor for Multilateral Initiatives and Advocacy. In 2015, she was announced as Canada’s Ambassador to Peru and Bolivia. Ambassador Kutz graduated from the University of Calgary with a BA in General Humanities.



Marcel Lebleu, Ambassador of Canada to Chile

Ambassador Lebleu is a career Canadian Foreign Service officer who started in 1987. He joined the Trade Commissioner Service after graduating with a BSc in Economics from Université de Montréal/University of Massachusetts. He is a Certified International Trade Professional (CITP) and has extensive experience assisting Canadian companies expand abroad. He has represented Canada abroad in Cameroon, Costa Rica, Argentina and Spain. In Canada, he served in Quebec’s Regional office of Global Affairs Canada, and as Director in Client Service and Strategic Integration and in Regional Trade Operations and Intergovernmental Affairs. Ambassador Lebleu has received various awards, including the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal (2013) and the Forum for International Trade Training Employer Recognition Award (2011). Ambassador Lebleu was appointed as Canada’s Ambassador to Chile in 2015.



Brenda Wills, Senior Trade Commissioner to Colombia

Ms. Wills joined what is now Global Affairs Canada in 2004 and has served in Washington, D.C. and Chile. In Ottawa, she has held several positions, including Trade Commissioner in the Mexico Division. Since 2011, Ms. Wills has been First Secretary (Commercial) and Trade Commissioner at the Embassy of Canada to Chile. Prior to joining Global Affairs Canada, Ms. Wills worked for Ipsos-Reid and the Canada Border Services Agency. She has a BCom in International Business and Marketing from the University of Manitoba.

