

David Vogelsanger

David Vogelsanger, born in 1954, is a citizen of Zurich where he attended public schools. In 1979, he obtained his master and in 1986 a doctorate in history and political science from Zurich University. From 1980 to 1984, as a delegate of the International Committee of the Red Cross, he has been on missions in different zones of armed conflict in Africa, the Middle East and East Asia, in 1984 and 1985 as a humanitarian advisor to the UN Force in Cyprus.

In 1987, following a short period of activity in the private economy, he entered the Swiss Confederation's diplomatic service. He served at the Swiss Mission to the OECD in Paris and at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (international humanitarian organizations, peacekeeping operations and narcotics issues). From 1993, David Vogelsanger has been in charge of political issues and spokesman for the Swiss Embassy in Washington D.C., from 1997 Deputy to the Swiss Ambassador in Bulgaria and Macedonia. From 2001 to 2005, he directed the International Organizations Section of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. He then served for five years as Consul General in Milan and from 2010 to 2014 as Ambassador to Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Burkina Faso, Liberia and Sierra Leone. On 23 October 2013, the Swiss Federal Council appointed David Vogelsanger Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to New Zealand, the Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Tonga and Tuvalu, with residence in Wellington. He will also serve as Consul General to American Samoa. He took up his new post in September 2014.

David Vogelsanger is married to Laura Garland Vogelsanger. He served in the Swiss Army in the mountain infantry and as a legal officer. In his hometown Zurich, he is a member of the historic Guild of hat makers and weavers. He practices several outdoor sports.