

## Curriculum Vitae

Born in Stockholm on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1947

Studied at High School Liceo Massimo in Roma in same graduation as Mario Draghi, Gianni de Gennaro and Luca Montezemolo

Then studied Political Science at University Sapienza with Aldo Moro, among other, as teacher. He graduated Summa Cum Laude with Jury honors.

Thesis: Humanitarian aid as a tool to reduce conflict related consequences and facilitate negotiations

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Staffan de Mistura served as Special Envoy for Syria of the United Nations Secretary-General from July 2014 to December 2018. Prior to this assignment he was notably the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Iraq (2007-2009) and in Afghanistan (2010-2011), and Italy's Deputy Foreign Minister.

During a career of over four decades with United Nations agencies, he served in numerous conflict zones, directing complex relief operations, food distributions and vaccination campaigns. In particular, he was posted in Sudan, Ethiopia, Albania, Afghanistan, Iraq, Bosnia and Somalia. He also held senior political and humanitarian assignments in Lebanon and Iraq, and served as Deputy Executive Director of the World Food Programme. Mr. de Mistura is a national of Italy and Sweden. He speaks seven languages.

In addition to the short summary it is worth noting that:

Staffan de Mistura was involved as well in many operational tasks including:

- was UNICEF country Representative in Somalia during the 92/93 crisis organizing vaccinations and emergency relief operations
- was at HQ the UNICEF Director of External relations and corporate partnerships related in particular to war related emergencies
- organized the operation San Bernardo in Ethiopia in 84 with a joint Nato / Pact of Warsaw airdrop of food aid to needy women and children on the highlands
- led the UNICEF mission breaking the siege of Dubrovnik
- led the winter relief convoys to Sarajevo
- led the cholera control team in Goma after the Rwanda tragic events
- was in charge of the advocacy / relief UNHCR campaign during the final phase of the Kosovo conflict
- organized and obtained the funding for the demining along the border between Lebanon and Israel

- together with Mother Theresa of Calcutta broke the siege of Juba by airlifting aid to starving women and children ('operation Rainbow')
- was for 2 years seconded to WWF Italy as Director General. During that period membership doubled and so did the funding