

Mr. Philippe Kridelka was appointed Director UNESCO Office in New York, and Representative to the United Nations, and assumed his post on 15 August 2010.

Mr. Kridelka joined the Belgian Diplomatic Service on 15 October 1987. He became First Secretary at the Belgian Embassy in Tehran, Islamic Republic of Iran in 1989 and served in that position until 1992, when he returned to Brussels as Deputy Director of the Central European Desk.

In 1995 Mr. Kridelka was transferred to Warsaw, Poland as the Counsellor at the Belgian Embassy until his posting in 1998 as Diplomatic Advisor to the Belgian Minister for Foreign Trade. He then served as Counsellor to the Belgian Representation to the European Union -World Trade Organization (WTO) desk from 1999-2000.

From 2000-2002 Mr. Kridelka served as Diplomatic Advisor to the Belgian Deputy Prime Minister, in charge of Employment Policy and Gender Equality, before being appointed in 2002 to the position of Ambassador of Belgium to the Republic of Singapore and to the Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam.

Mr. Kridelka was appointed Ambassador, Permanent Delegate of Belgium to UNESCO from 2005 – 2009. He served as Director of Cabinet, Office of the Director General of UNESCO from 2009-2010 until his present position.

Mr. Kridelka holds a Master's Degree in Law. He speaks French, English, Dutch and German.