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Since December 2018 in charge of the opening of the Netherlands Consulate General in Atlanta. Before the arrival in Georgia managing the Press Secretary activities and Newsroom at the Foreign Ministry in The Hague. Facilitating a digital communication and trade agenda with the objective to strengthen the ties between the US and the Netherlands. A partnership that works. Always looking for a more innovative approach to increase digital and trade opportunities.

Previous diplomatic postings for the Netherlands Foreign Ministry include Deputy Consul General/Head of Economic Affairs at the Netherlands Consulate General in San Francisco and Chicago(a.i. 2015). The main focus of the activities were facilitating Dutch-US trade relations, including business-to-business and

business-to-government within the area of innovation and technology.

Earlier posted as Head of Cooperation for the Palestinian Territories at the Netherlands Office in Ramallah; Coordinator for Political Affairs, Western Balkans; Deputy Head of Mission and Head of Economic Affairs, Abuja, Nigeria; and Deputy Head of Mission/Head of Cooperation and Economic Affairs, Tirana, Albania. During these earlier set of missions the focus has been on gaining an understanding of the economic dimension within (destabilized) societies and the added value of Dutch industries to improve livelihoods in fragile circumstances. Always looking for a win-win situation.