
Biographical Notes

Duane Van Beselaere

*High Commissioner of Canada to Barbados,
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Theme of the presentation:



Duane Van Beselaere, (BComm. [Economics], University of Saskatchewan, 1966) joined the Trade Commissioner Service in 1966. He served abroad in Sydney, Hamburg, Lagos, Washington and Bonn, where he was Minister-Counsellor (Economic/Commercial) from 1988 to 1992.

In Ottawa, he served as Director, Services and General Trade Policy Division from 1983 to 1988 and as Advisor, Multilateral Trade Negotiations Branch from 1992 to 1993. In 1993 he was appointed as Associate Chief Air Negotiator, where he was responsible for international air transport negotiations, and since 1994 has been Chief Air Negotiator. He has been High Commissioner of Canada to Barbados and the Eastern States of Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, British Virgin Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Montserrat, St. Christopher and Nevis, St. Lucia and St. Vincent and the Grenadines since November 1997.

Mr. Van Beselaere is married to Dagmar Van Beselaere, and they have two children.