

Federal Republic of Germany

Chancellor Helmut Kohl



Helmut Kohl was born on April 3, 1930 in Ludwigshafen. He studied law, political science and history at the universities of Frankfurt and Heidelberg. He was a research fellow at the Alfred Weber Institute of the University of Heidelberg and received his doctorate in 1958.

Dr. Kohl joined the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) in 1947; and by 1955 he had become a member of the CDU Executive for the Land Rheinland-Pfalz. In 1959, Dr. Kohl was elected to the Land's State Assembly and between 1969 and 1976 he served as the Minister President (Premier) of the Land. He has been a member of the Bundestag (Federal Lower House) since 1976, the same year in which he was the CDU candidate for Chancellor and became Chairman of the CDU/CSU Bundestag caucus.

Chancellor Kohl will make an official visit to Canada June 15-18, 1988.

Toronto will be Chancellor Kohl's sixth economic summit. He will be accompanied by Foreign Minister and Vice-Chancellor, Hans-Dietrich Genscher; the Federal Minister of Finance, Dr. Gerhard Stoltenberg; and the Federal Minister of Economics, Dr. Martin Bangemann. Chancellor Kohl's Personal Representative is Dr. Hans Tietmeyer.