

# Ambassador Bernard Savage

## Career summary

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**2016 - EU Ambassador to New Zealand**

**2013 - 2016 EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE  
Head of Division**

- Maintain and manage relations with four Arab Maghreb countries (Algeria, Libya, Morocco and Tunisia) as well as regional cooperation with the Maghreb region
- Supervise the country teams and support staff including personnel management and policy coordination in relation to the implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy and Association Agreements (Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia)

**2009 - 2013 EU Ambassador to Sri Lanka and the Maldives**

**2004 - 2009 EU Ambassador to Saudi Arabia and the Gulf**

Also accredited to Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and the Gulf Cooperation Council

**2003 European Commission's Envoy to Iraq (07/2003 – 09/2003)**  
*Temporary assignment prior to being posted as EU's Ambassador to Saudi Arabia*

**2001-2003 Principal Administrator (2001-2003)**

- Took on the responsibility of DG ENLARGEMENT correspondent for the economic chapters then became horizontal correspondent for Chapter 1 (Free movement of goods) for all candidate countries
- Coordinated with Council and EU Member States' representatives to ensure timely completion of negotiations

**2000-2001 Administrator (2000-2001)**

- Helped to form a new unit in DG DEVCO with focus on questions related to regional economic integration within the ACP group of countries
- Contributed to policy creation in light of the Cotonou Agreement; responsible for Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean (SACU, SADC, COMESA, EAC and the Indian Ocean Commission)

**1996-2000 Economic Advisor – Delegation to Lesotho (Maseru) (1996-2000)**

- Handled economic and trade issues including management of STABEX and counterparts funds and projects relating to administrative reform, social sectors and rural development
- Liaised with NGOs, specialised agencies of the United Nations and the International Financial Institutions, and responsible for regional economic integration concerning South African Customs Union and SADC

*Achievements: Acted as Head of Delegation managing the crisis situation following the South African military intervention in Lesotho in 1998*

**1992-1996                      Economic Advisor – Delegation in Mauritania (Nouakchott) (1992-1996)**

- Handled the economic reporting including country strategy development, project development and implementation in Social Sectors, Economic and Administrative reform, management of STABEX and SYSMIN instruments, relations with IFIs, and the supervision of fisheries agreement

**1988 – 1991                      VOLUNTARY SERVICE OVERSEAS PUTNEY BRIDGE, London, UK  
Field Director – Guinea Bissau**

- Established the Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO) office in Guinea Bissau and handled administrative duties
- Represented VSO to the government of Guinea Bissau, created and implemented programming of the VSO volunteer programs

**1984 - 1988                      ASSOCIATIONS OF AFRICAN TRADE PROMOTION ORGANISATIONS  
Trade Analyst (Volunteer)**

- Responsible for the Information Centre and completed reporting and analysis on member countries, updated the information bulletin and conference organisation

**05/1983 – 10/1983 Consultant (Self- Employed)**

- Provided consulting services to a small marketing project operated by Strathclyde University Marketing Department

**1982 - 1983                      ISTITUTO PER IL COMMERCIO ESTERO  
Trade Analyst**

- Promoted trade and provided informational activities on Italian products
- Organised company participation in trade fairs and events in Scotland and North England

**1980 - 1982                      CAMPBELL NEILL AND COMPANY  
Investment Analyst**

- Analysed financial information for companies to ensure all compliance regulations are met and provided investment advice on market trading and institutional relations

## Education and qualifications

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Masters                      Business Administration, Strategic Planning (1999)  
(Distinction)

Bachelors                      Economics (1980)  
(Honours)

**Institutions:** Edinburgh Business School (Heriot-Watt University) (1999), Strathclyde University (1980)

**Languages:** Fluent in English, French, Spanish, Arabic and Portuguese.