



Bénédict de Cerjat (born in Berne on 13 January 1957)

After 38 years of active diplomatic service within the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Bénédict de Cerjat retired in July 2022 and is now the President of *Tourisme neuchâtelois*, the cantonal tourism organization in charge of the operational development of tourism in the canton of Neuchâtel.

His last posting abroad as a diplomat was as Ambassador of Switzerland to Pakistan and Afghanistan, from 2020 to 2022.

Prior to taking this assignment, Ambassador de Cerjat served as the Head of the Americas Division in the FDFA from 2016 to 2020, with the title of Assistant State Secretary for the Americas.

He also served as Ambassador of Switzerland to Belgium and to NATO from 2011 to 2015, Ambassador of Switzerland to Poland and Belarus from 2007 to 2011, and Ambassador of Switzerland to Vietnam from 2004 to 2007.

Previously, Mr. de Cerjat served in different functions at the Headquarters of the Swiss Foreign Ministry (1985-1988 and 1996-2000), at the Embassies of Switzerland in Ottawa (1986), Lima (1988-1992), Washington D.C. (2000-2004), and at the Mission of Switzerland to the European Communities in Brussels (1992-1996).

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