

Ambassador Tudor ULIANOVSCHI Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova

Ambassador Tudor Ulianovschi has served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Moldova and has had a distinguished career in diplomatic service for over 15 years, accumulating vast experience in international political and economic relations, including trade policy matters.

As Moldova's Foreign Minister during 2018-2019, Ambassador Tudor Ulianovschi initiated and promoted Government decisions on opening new diplomatic missions, the first embassies in Africa and Latin America, while increasing the number of diplomatic missions in Asia and Europe. Minister Ulianovschi strengthened the national strategy on foreign economic diplomacy, enhancing Moldova's role in international and regional organizations, expanding the number of bilateral investment treaties and foreign investment protection agreements, while fully capitalizing upon the potential of bilateral relations. During his mandate, the Republic of Moldova ratified and implemented the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement and became a member of the WTO Government Procurement Agreement.

Minister Tudor Ulianovschi represented the Republic of Moldova at the World Economic Forum in Davos in 2019, as the head of the delegation, where he actively engaged in talks with foreign leaders on current challenges of the world trade system and mutually beneficial strategies for the future.

Prior to that, between 2016-2018 he was the Moldovan top diplomat in Geneva, serving as Ambassador to Switzerland and Liechtenstein, as well as Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office in Geneva and Permanent Representative to the World Trade Organization.

During his mandate in Geneva, Ambassador Tudor Ulianovschi served on and chaired various Committees, including: Chairman of the Balance of Payments Committee of the WTO, President of the Trade and Development Board at UNCTAD, Vice President of the General Assembly at WIPO, President of the Steering Committee on Trade at UNECE.

In that capacity, his accomplished experience and hands-on approach have quickly earned him the reputation of a competent and credible negotiator, capable of identifying creative solutions and building consensus on various issues. Previous to the Buenos Aires WTO Ministerial Conference, Ambassador Tudor Ulianovschi was one of the 4 Geneva based designated negotiators-facilitators, who has successfully ensured reaching a consensual text on a part of the draft Declarations of the Ministerial Conference. His high degree of credibility and excellent skills of a professional negotiator in various international fora allowed him to always find a balance of needs for LDCs, developing and developed countries on a win-win basis to build consensus and narrow the gap.

As Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister of the Republic of Moldova between 2014-2016, Tudor Ulianovschi has been in charge of economic diplomacy, international trade negotiations and public diplomacy. During his mandate, Moldova finalized negotiations and signed the Association Agreement with the European Union (including Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement), as well as FTA with Turkey and initiated consultations on FTA with EFTA countries.

Throughout his diplomatic career, Ambassador Ulianovschi served at the Embassies of the Republic of Moldova in Washington, DC (2007-2010), Doha (2013-2014) and Geneva (2016-2018), and at the Ministry, where he served as Director for Americas, Asia, Africa and Middle East, as well as Deputy Minister and as the Foreign Minister.

Minister Tudor Ulianovschi's background also includes high-level management position in the private sector, being the Senior Vice President for Global Government Relations of a multi-national company, based in Canada.

Ambassador Tudor Ulianovschi's academic background is in International Public and Trade Law, at the Free International University of Moldova (a LLM degree and a PhD candidate), the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and the Diplomatic Institute in Bucharest. He is also author of multiple publications on international relations and speaker on trade and development agenda.

Ambassador Tudor Ulianovschi is a member of the International Gender Champions, seeking to build a more inclusive trading system that will allow more women to participate in trade and to reap the economic benefits of new global trading value chains.

His mother tongue is Romanian and he is fluent in English, Russian and French, with intermediate knowledge of Spanish and Arabic.

Minister Tudor Ulianovschi is married with one daughter.