

Ambassador Hossam Zaki



Hossam Zaki is the Assistant Secretary-General of the League of Arab States and Chief of Staff (July 2016 to date). Zaki had served as the Assistant Foreign Minister for European Affairs from September 2015 until his election at the Arab League as ASG and Chief of Staff. He was Ambassador of Egypt to Brazil from 2012 to 2015.

He worked as Senior Middle East Advisor for the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt from 2007 to 2012. In this capacity, he was in full knowledge of all Egyptian foreign policy issues, in particular the Arab-Israeli conflict, peace negotiations, Palestinian reconciliation, Arab issues and Egyptian Israeli relations. From mid-2008 to 2012, Zaki held the post of Deputy Chief of Staff of the Minister. He

also worked as Official Spokesperson of the Ministry from August 2007 till March 2011.

Hossam Zaki was Egypt's Deputy Ambassador to the United Kingdom from 2005 to 2007. In that capacity, he was in charge of the political as well as the administrative sectors of the embassy. From 2003 to 2005, on secondment from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, he was appointed Spokesperson for the Secretary-General of the League of Arab States. In addition, he was advising the Secretary-General on Iraq and other Middle East issues.

From 1996 to 2002, he worked as first secretary then Counsellor at Egypt's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, where he assumed responsibility for the Middle East and Arab Affairs. He was, in this capacity, a member of Egypt's Delegation to the United Nations Security Council in 1996-97. He was also the Rapporteur of the UN Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations for six years.

From 1990 to 1993, Zaki worked as a political officer at the Embassy of Egypt in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. He also assumed other posts at the Egyptian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including:

- Head of the Department of East Arab States from January 2002 to April 2003. His department was, inter alia, in charge of following up on all developments related to the Iraq situation.

- Member of the Foreign Minister's cabinet (1994 to 1996) where he was a political officer for African Affairs.
- Political officer at the Department of Israeli Affairs (1989-1990).

After graduating with a BSc in Business Administration, from Cairo's Helwan University in 1986, Zaki went on to obtain an International Diploma in Public Administration from the prestigious Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA), in Paris, France in 1989.

He received his school education at the French Jesuites School in Cairo.

Ambassador Hossam Zaki was born in 1965.