

Ambassador of Switzerland - H.E. Mr Mirko Manzoni

Mirko Manzoni is an Ambassador with more than 25 years' experience in the diplomatic and humanitarian fields. He is a native of Lugano, Switzerland. He has a master's degree in architecture from the Swiss Federal Institutes of Technology – EPFL and an MBA focused on Management and Corporate Finance from HEC Lausanne - School of Business.



From 2014 until 2019, he has been Ambassador of Switzerland to Mozambique, where since 2016 he has been actively involved in the peace process. He is a skilled mediator and negotiator with excellent management capabilities. He is currently President of the Contact Group to the Peace Process made up of the United States, China, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Norway, Botswana and Switzerland.

His previous roles include Head of Cooperation for the Swiss Embassy in Mali (2012 - 2014), Programme Manager for Poland and Malta in Headquarters in Bern (2008 - 2012) and Deputy Director of Cooperation in Kosovo (2004 - 2008).

He is adept at providing strategic advice and engaging with governments and international organizations at the highest level.

Mirko Manzoni also has significant field experience having worked as a Delegate for the International Committee of the Red Cross in both the Democratic Republic of Congo (2002 - 2004) and in Iraq (2000 - 2001).

He is a natural leader with a proven track-record of managing teams in complex environments. United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres announced on 8 July 2019 the appointment of Mirko Manzoni of Switzerland as his Personal Envoy for Mozambique.

As of November 2023 Mirko Manzoni has been appointed the Ambassador of Switzerland to South Africa & accredited countries (Botswana, Eswatini, Lesotho, Mauritius, Namibia)

He is married with 2 kids.