



Biography of Ms. Ann-Marie P. Layne Consul-General

Ann-Marie Layne is a career diplomat with nineteen years of experience in the Foreign Service of Antigua and Barbuda.

She assumed the post of Consul-General at the Consulate General of Antigua and Barbuda in Toronto, Ontario, Canada on 1 October 2013. She was previously posted to the Embassy and Permanent Mission of Antigua and Barbuda in Washington, D.C, since January 2001.

In 1999, she was awarded a graduate scholarship from the Organization of American States (OAS), and pursued a Masters of Arts Degree in International Relations at The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, Boston Massachusetts. Her area of concentration was International Negotiations and Conflict Resolution. She also holds a Bachelors of Arts Degree in International Development Studies from Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada and a post-graduate diploma (Hon) in International Relations from the University of the West Indies, St. Augustine Campus.

In her capacity as Deputy Chief of Mission and Minister Counselor at the Mission of Antigua and Barbuda in Washington, D.C, Ms. Layne had the opportunity to represent

the Government of Antigua and Barbuda in its relations with the United States of America and at the Organization of American States. In 2002, she was part of the Antigua and Barbuda delegation which negotiated a Tax Information Exchange Agreement with the United States of America and for the past six years, she has

been a team member in the negotiations aimed at resolving Antigua and Barbuda's Cross Border Internet Gaming dispute with the United States of America. At the Organization of American States, she played a leadership role on behalf of the Antigua and Barbuda Mission on a wide range of issues related to the strengthening of the OAS Development agenda. Ms. Layne was also one of the Alternate Delegates for Antigua and Barbuda at the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), which is the principal forum for generating hemispheric policy to advance women's rights and gender equality.

As a diplomat from a Small Island Developing State, Ms. Layne has a keen

interest in the socio-economic development of the Caribbean region. Areas of special interest include: hemispheric security related to Small Island Developing States, Migration, particularly as it relates to the trafficking of women and children, Tourism related issues, Natural Disasters and Climate Change.

Ms. Layne has extensive knowledge of hemispheric and regional issues and has represented her country in numerous meetings. She is married to Richard E.M. Campbell and is the mother of a six (6) year old son.