

Biography of Donald Bobiash



Mr. Donald Bobiash has extensive experience in the Canadian Foreign Service and in international trade and development. He is currently the Executive Director at the Asian Development Bank in Manila representing Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden. From September 2019 to September 2022, he was Canada's representative on the Board of Directors of the Inter-American Development Bank in Washington, DC. Prior to this assignment, he served as Assistant Deputy Minister for the Asia-Pacific region, managing Canada's bilateral trade relations and development assistance programs with Asia and the Pacific.

During his career, Mr. Bobiash has been Ambassador to Colombia, Indonesia, ASEAN, and High Commissioner to Ghana. His Asia service has included two assignments in Japan and one in Pakistan. He has also served as Director General for Africa.

Mr. Bobiash holds a doctorate (DPhil) from Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar. He also holds a Masters (MSc) from the London School of Economics (Commonwealth Scholar) and a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science) from the University of Saskatchewan. As a Rotary Foundation Graduate Scholar he has studied at the École Nationale d'Administration in Dakar, Senegal and studied at Laval University in Quebec City.

His Oxford doctoral thesis on development assistance was published as *South-South Aid* by Macmillan. Growing up on a farm in rural Saskatchewan, he has a passionate interest in rural development.

He is a recipient of the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Medal (2013).