

## **Antonio Enrico Bartoli**

Mr. Antonio Enrico Bartoli has been Ambassador to Georgia since September 1<sup>st</sup> 2015.

Former spokesperson, head of press, cultural and public affairs at the Italian Embassy in Washington DC. In 2013, he coordinated the “Year of Italian culture in the U.S.” (300 events in 60 American cities). Seconded for one year at the U.S. State Department, he was the Regional Economics Officer in the Near Eastern Affairs Bureau.

At the Embassy of Italy in Beijing he served as Cultural Counselor (2004-2006) coordinating the Year of Italy in China, and Political Counselor (2007-2008), watching closely Chinese domestic and foreign policy. As Consul in Toulouse (2000-2004), he covered one fourth of the French territory.

In his last tour in Rome (2008-2011), he served on the Italian Foreign Minister’s staff, in charge of Parliamentary relations. In his previous tour in Rome (1997-2000), he had served in the Personnel Department, to then become the deputy Chief of Staff of the Undersecretary of State covering the UN, Middle East, and Asia.

Prior to joining the Foreign Service, he had been working as a journalist from 1991 to 1997. Member of the “Ordine dei Giornalisti” (the State approved Journalists’ Association) and of the Association of Parliamentary reporters, he covered politics and economic affairs.

After a master’s degree in Economics at LUISS University of Rome, he also worked with Alitalia, Italy’s flagship airline, starting with a McKinsey project to redesign the company’s structure, and later becoming special assistant to the marketing director.

He received a scholarship to attend a high selective post-graduate School of Journalism, supported by the RCS group, leading Italian publisher. He obtained a master’s degree in “Security and International Relations” at Sciences Po Toulouse with a thesis on “Asymmetric warfare”. He co-authored the book “International Careers”, published by “Sole 24 Ore”.