

## **Personal biography for Mia Horn af Rantzien, PhD**

Ambassador Mia Horn af Rantzien is currently the Swedish Permanent Representative to the WTO. Before taking up this position she was heading the Swedish Partnership for Global Responsibility, a Government initiative to promote and facilitate corporate social responsibility. During the years 2000-2002 she was Principle Secretary to the Parliamentary Commission on Swedish Policy for Global Development, a Committee of Inquiry charged with the task of formulating a new Swedish policy for global development.

Ambassador Horn joined the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in 1977. She has held various positions within the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the Swedish Development Agency, i.e. in Vietnam 1978-1982, as Chief Economist at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs 1994-1996 and as Minister at the Permanent Mission of Sweden to the United Nations in Geneva 1996-2000.

Parallel to her career within the Swedish Foreign Service, Dr Mia Horn af Rantzien has pursued an academic career as researcher in Development Economics, a field of interest emerging from her time as visiting student at Tribhuvan University, Kathmandu, Nepal in 1975. She received her PhD in Economics in 1994 after studies at Stockholm School of Economics and Princeton University. Since, she has served as member of the the Expert Group on Development Issues (EGDI), 1995-1996, on the Advisory Board of the Secretariat for Analysis of Swedish Development Cooperation, 1993-1994 and on the Advisory Board to the UNICEF Research Center 2000-2006. Currently, she is serving as governor of IDS, Sussex University.

Dr Mia Horn is currently Chair *ad personam* of the WTO Aid for Trade Task Force, Chair of the Integrated Framework Steering Committee, and Chair of the Working Party for the Accession of Belarus to the WTO.