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SPEAKER BIO

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Birgitta Tazelaar is the deputy director general for International Cooperation at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs and a career diplomat with over 25 years' experience in political affairs, human rights and development cooperation. Ms. Tazelaar has worked in the Middle East, Southern Africa and the UK in a variety of bilateral and non-governmental organizations, in both advisory and senior management posts. Before her current job as deputy director general, she was Director of the Middle East and North Africa Department preceded by serving as head of Mission in Ramallah managing amongst others a sizeable development cooperation program. From 2008-2011, Ms. Tazelaar was the political counsellor at the Dutch Embassy in London, responsible for foreign policy areas ranging from security files such as NATO and nuclear, to EU external policy and various crises areas worldwide. Other postings included deputy head of the human rights division in the Hague where she was active in promoting women's rights in the UN and spokesperson for the Minister for Foreign Affairs. Before joining the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she worked amongst others for the Netherlands Development Agency, mainly in Botswana working in regional planning. Ms. Tazelaar studied Human Geography in Utrecht and did research in Kenya and Spain.