



Ambassador Sadia Faizunnesa, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Brazil

Ms. Sadia Faizunnesa assumed the charge of Ambassador of Bangladesh to the Federative Republic of Brazil on 17 October 2021.

Ambassador Sadia Faizunnesa is a career diplomat and joined the Bangladesh Foreign Service in 1999. Before joining Bangladesh Embassy in Brasilia as Ambassador, she served at Bangladesh Consulate General in New York, USA as Consul General (also for Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Vermont) from June 2018 to October 2021.

In her distinguished career, Ambassador Faizunnesa represented Bangladesh in many multilateral fora and led Bangladesh delegations in many negotiations. She served at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Dhaka as Director General (United Nations, Human Rights and Humanitarian Affairs) from August 2016 to May 2018 and as Director (United Nations/ Multilateral Economic Affairs) from January 2009 to January 2010. She had also served as Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative (DPR) of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York from April 2013 to July 2016. She represented Bangladesh in the negotiations of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Agenda 2030 and in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants during her tenure as DPR at the Bangladesh Permanent Mission in New York. Ambassador Faizunnesa facilitated the resolutions on ‘Culture of Peace’ in the General Assembly and ‘Emergency Humanitarian Assistance’ in the ECOSOC of the United Nations from 2013 to 2016.

Ambassador Faizunnesa also served at the Bangladesh Embassies in Berlin (from June 2003 to December 2006) and Bangkok (as Counsellor and Deputy Permanent Representative to ECOSOC from January 2010 to March 2013). In her almost two and half decades long diplomatic career she also served at the Headquarters as Assistant Secretary (Europe) from January 1999 to June 2003 and as Senior Assistant Secretary (in the Administration Wing) from December 2006 to December 2008.

Ambassador Faizunnesa has served as an expert in a number of National Committees on security issues including revision of Bangladesh's War Book, Member Secretary of the National Task Force on repatriation of Forcibly Displaced Myanmar Nationals (Rohingyas), National Committee on Anti-money Laundering and Financing of Terrorism, National Task Force on Anti-money Laundering and repatriation and served as the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) focal point for Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Faizunnesa specializes in humanitarian diplomacy, countering terrorism and security issues, women empowerment, climate change, migration and development, communications and public diplomacy.

Ambassador Faizunnesa has been awarded Special Congressional recognition (2020) by US Congresswoman Grace Meng, 'Proclamation' (2021) from the Senator John C. Liu of New York State Senate, and 'Declaration of Honor' (2019) by Queens Borough President Melinda Katz for her outstanding contribution to the Bangladeshi-American Community in New York, particularly for saving lives by steering the 'Voluntary Pool of Doctors' for the community during COVID pandemic. In recognition of her contribution to institutionalize Bangla as a working language in many public places and introducing driving license test in Bangla in New York State (2019) during her tenure as Consul General she was conferred upon a resolution (2021) by Senator Sheikh Rahman of Georgia State Senate. She has also been included at the Women's Foreign Policy Group's 2019 Guide to Women Leaders in International Affairs considering her role in providing greater visibility for women leaders shaping foreign policy.

Ambassador Sadia Faizunnesa obtained Masters in Development Studies from BRAC University, Dhaka, and Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery from Sir Salimullah Medical College, Dhaka University. Apart from attending professional trainings in Bangladesh (Public Administration Training Centre, Dhaka and Foreign Service Academy), she received diplomatic trainings at the Foreign Service Institute, New Delhi, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin, EU Parliament in Strasburg and Brussels, and Institute of Diplomacy and Foreign Relations- IDFR, Malaysia.
