

Michele Cervone d'Urso

Ambassador Michele Cervone d'Urso took up the post of Deputy Head of the EU Delegation to the United Nations and other organisations on 16 November 2024. Ambassador Cervone d'Urso is a career EU diplomat from the European External Action Service with 30 years year experience in diplomacy, international cooperation, peace building and developing partnerships.

Ambassador Cervone d'Urso has served in various capacities, including as EU Ambassador for Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman and Qatar from 2016 to 2020; EU Special Envoy and Ambassador for Somalia and been extensively involved on Somalia's political transition from 2012 to 2016 and Ambassador for Yemen between 2008 to 2012 as the first European Union Ambassador to Yemen, where he was significantly engaged in the political settlement in Yemen, having his role recognised with the award of the “unity” medal. He previously held positions at the European Commission on Africa and supporting countries crisis response and recovery and served at the EU Delegation in Namibia.

Immediately before joining the EU Delegation to the UN and other international organisations, he was Head for International Cooperation and Financing Instruments at the European External Action Service leading the team that has the strategic oversight over EU cooperation with partner countries and the response to global challenges.

Michele Cervone d'Urso holds an MA (Hons) in Economics and international relations from St Andrews University and a post-graduate Master's degree in the Economics of the European Union from Exeter University in the United Kingdom.

He is an Italian national born in Bangkok, grew up in Brazil and Myanmar and is married with two children.