
CURRICULUM VITAE GEERT VERSNICK

PERSONAL

Born on December 15th, 1956 in Ghent (Belgium).

Graduated at the University of Ghent as Master in Law in 1980.

Lawyer at the Bar in Ghent from 1980 to December 2000.

Knight of the Order of Leopold since 2003.

Officer of the Order of Leopold since 2011.

Additional education

Certificaat Board Effectiveness Guberna, 2011

High Performance Board IMD Lausanne, 2012

Board Education Retreat IMD Lausanne, 2012



SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

- 1982-1984: Attaché and later legal advisor of M. Willy De Clercq, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Finance and Foreign Trade.
- 1984-1985 : Legal advisor of M. Frans Grootjans, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Finance.
- 1986-1988 : Private secretary of M. Guy Verhofstadt, Vice Prime Minister and Minister of the Budget, Science Policy and Planning.

POLITICAL CAREER

- 1989-1994 : Member of the City Council of Ghent.
- 1993 -1999: Secretary-General of V.L.D.
- 1993-2001 : Chairman of V.L.D.-Ghent.
- 1994-2010: Member of Parliament
- March – July 1999: Secretary of the House of Representatives.
- July 1999-January 2001 : Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Affairs.
- June 2009 – June 2010: Chairman of the Committee for Foreign Affairs

May 2000 – November 2001:	Chairman of the parliamentary investigation committee to determine the exact circumstances of the assassination of Patrice Lumumba and the possible involvement of Belgian politicians.
January 2001 - December 2006:	Alderman for Public Works, City of Ghent.
January 2007 - December 2012:	Alderman for Inter – urban Cooperation and Financial Participations, City of Ghent Chairman of the office of Public Welfare, City of Ghent
December 2012 -	Vice-Governor of the Province of East-Flanders, responsible for economy and urban planning Chairman of the Development Agency of East-Flanders
January 2013-:	Member of the City Council of Ghent.

MANDATES

Public Sector

AG SOB Ghent	Administrator 2003-2012. (President 2003-2007).
Intermixt foundation of public utility	Member of the Federal and Flemish bureau since 2007.
Hospital Jan Palfijn AV	President of the board of directors (2007- 2012).

Private Sector

N.V. Artexis Belgium	Administrator since 1995.
N.V. Grondontwikkeling Handelsbeurssite	President of the board of directors since 2007
C.V.B.A. Eandis	President of the board of directors 2006 - April 2013 Vice-President since May 2013
C.V.B.A. Water.Link	Administrator since 2010.
N.V. Publigas	Membre of the strategic committee
N.V. CitadelCongres	Administrator since 2010.
MEDEA Institute	Administrator since 2010.
N.V. Optima Group	Administrator since 2011.
N.V. Publi-T	President of the board of directors since June 2013.

C.V. Geert Versnick - Inter-Parliamentary Union

April 1994 – June 2010:	Member of the Belgian Group of the IPU.
February 1995 – June 2010:	Member of the Bureau of the Belgian Group of the IPU.
Between 1996 and 2010:	Attended 16 IPU conferences/assemblies as well as many specialised meetings and conferences.
September 1996:	Member of the drafting committee on antipersonnel mines at the 96 th Conference.
April 1997:	Rapporteur on the status of Jerusalem at the 97 th Conference.
September 1997:	Rapporteur on the elimination of all forms of sexual exploitation of children at the 98 th Conference.
September 1998 – September 2002:	Member of the Executive Committee of the IPU.
April 1999:	Member of the organising Committee of the 101 st Conference.
2001-2002:	Rapporteur of the Executive Committee on the reform of IPU
2001-2002:	Rapporteur of the Executive Committee on the IPU budget.
May 2002 – June 2010:	Co-chairperson of the Post-Doha Steering Committee IPU-EP, renamed Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference of the WTO in 2004.
2003 – 2005 and January-October 2006 (a.i.):	Chairperson of the Twelve Plus Group.
December 2006:	Rapporteur on the outcome document of the annual session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO, organised by IPU and the European Parliament.
October 2006 – June 2010:	Member of the Executive Committee.
July 2007 – June 2010:	Member of the Advisory Group of the IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs.
October 2007:	Rapporteur of the policy paper on the nature of the relationship between the United Nations and the world of

parliaments (IPU Committee on United Nations Affairs) at the 117th Assembly.

April 2008:

Rapporteur on the emergency item at the 118th Assembly (on the role of parliaments and the Inter-Parliamentary Union in ensuring an immediate halt to the rapidly deteriorating humanitarian situation in conflict areas and its environmental dimension, in facilitating the Palestinians' right to self-determination - particularly by ending the blockade in Gaza - and in accelerating the creation of a Palestinian State through viable peace processes)

October 2009 – June 2010

Vice-President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
Member of the Preparatory Committee of the 3rd World Conference of Speakers of Parliaments

19-21 July 2010

Rapporteur on strengthening the IPU and its relationship with the United Nations at the 3rd World Conference of Speakers of Parliament

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His Excellency Abdelwahad Radi
President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union

Ghent, 30 August 2013

Mister President,

I hereby respectfully submit my candidature for the post of Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

I have been privileged and proud to be a member of this honoured organization for 16 years. I have devoted an important part of my parliamentary life to the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

It is my firm belief that it is of paramount importance that we continue to build a strong parliamentary organization committed to the values of democracy, to gender equality, to the parliamentary institutions and to the principles of international cooperation.

I believe that my parliamentary and political experience will contribute to the visibility of the IPU and more in depth action in the achievement of the goals that were determined by the Executive Committee in the strategy for 2012-2017.

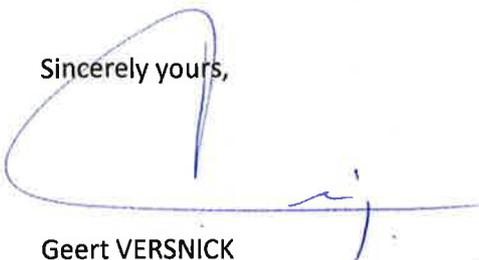
Considering the financial situation of the world's parliaments, I also think that it will be very important for the Secretary General of the IPU to work on being cost effective to keep the IPU organization in line with the agreed budget and obtain a maximum of output.

In my career, I also have had the opportunity to lead large organisations, such as the Department of Social Welfare of the City of Ghent (budget 170.000.000 Euro, personnel 1400 persons) where I had to rethink the organization to obtain better results and a more efficient and sustainable organization.

My mother tongue is Flemish and I am also fluent in English and French.

I look forward to having the opportunity to discuss, as it is foreseen in the procedure, to the Executive Committee in detail my proposals for the future of this important organization.

Sincerely yours,



Geert VERSNICK