



# Foreign & Commonwealth Office

**THORHILDA (THORDA) ABBOTT-WATT**

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

<b>December 2018 -</b>	<b>British Ambassador to Turkmenistan</b>
<b>October 2015 – December 2018</b>	<b>Russian and Turkmen language training</b>
<b>October 2012 – September 2015</b>	<b>Deputy Head, Projects Task Force, Foreign and Commonwealth Office (Acting Head December 2013 – June 2014)</b>
<b>August - October 2012</b>	<b>Stakeholder Management Leader, Operations Unit, Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>
<b>June – August 2012</b>	<b>Cabinet Office Continuous Improvement Strategy Leader, i-FCO, Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>
<b>December 2010 - April 2012</b>	<b>British Ambassador to Mongolia</b>
<b>May - November 2010</b>	<b>Ministry of Defence</b>
<b>September 2009 - April 2010</b>	<b>Finance Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>
<b>May 2008 - July 2009</b>	<b>Chargée d’Affaires, later British Ambassador to Mongolia</b>
<b>2008</b>	<b>Acting Head, Strategy and Innovation Section, UKTI</b>
<b>2007 - 2008</b>	<b>Migration Directorate, Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>
<b>2006 - 2007</b>	<b>Afghanistan Group, Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>Acting Head, Political/Military Section, British Embassy, Kabul</b>
<b>2006</b>	<b>Conflict Issues Group, Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>
<b>2003 – 2006</b>	<b>British Ambassador to Armenia</b>
<b>2001 - 2002</b>	<b>Chargée d’Affaires, British Embassy, Dushanbe</b>
<b>1999 – 2001</b>	<b>Head, Visa Policy Section, Joint Entry Clearance Unit, Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>
<b>1998 – 1999</b>	<b>First Secretary Political, British Embassy, Belgrade</b>
<b>1995 – 1998</b>	<b>First Secretary and Head of Commercial Section, British Embassy, Kiev</b>
<b>1991 – 1995</b>	<b>First Secretary, European Union (Internal) Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>

<b>1988 - 1991</b>	<b>Second Secretary Political, British Embassy, Bonn</b>
<b>1986 – 1988</b>	<b>Second Secretary, Environment, Maritime, Aviation and Environment Department, Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>
<b>1984 - 1986</b>	<b>Third Secretary Political, United Kingdom Representation to the EU, Brussels</b>
<b>1981 – 1984</b>	<b>British Vice Consul, British Embassy, Paris</b>
<b>1979 – 1980</b>	<b>Latin America Floater. Temporary duty in posts in Latin America and the Far and Middle East</b>
<b>1974 - 1979</b>	<b>Third Secretary, Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>
<b>1974</b>	<b>Joined Foreign and Commonwealth Office</b>
<b>Languages:</b>	<b>French, Spanish, some German, basic Russian. Previously qualified in Ukrainian.</b>
<b>Interests:</b>	<b>Theatre, the arts generally, horses (enthusiastic rider), sitting in a comfortable chair with a good book.</b>
<b>March 2018</b>	