

Biography of H.E. Dionisio da Costa Babo Soares, PhD

H.E. Dionisio da Costa Babo Soares is a PhD graduate from the Australian National University, after completing his Master's degree on development studies from Massey University of New Zealand, as well as a constitutional law degree from Udayana Bali University in Indonesia.

He currently serves as the Head of International Relations Department of the Office of the President of the Republic. Prior to holding several positions in the Government, H.E. Dionisio da Costa Babo Soares was co-chairman of the Indonesia—Timor-Leste Commission of Truth and Friendship (CVA). He was also the co-Editor of the report on "*Per Memoriam Ad Spam*" and has published widely on Timor-Leste, both at national and international levels.



His career in government began in 2012, as Minister of Justice for the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste from 2012- 2015. In 2015 - 2017, H.E. was also appointed as the Minister of State Coordinator for Administrative Affairs and Justice, and Minister of State Administration.

H.E. Dionisio da Costa Babo Soares was appointed as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation in 2018 until 2020.

H.E. Babo Soares is the National President for Directive Council or *Presidente Concelho Directiva Nacional* (CDN) of the National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction (CNRT) of the major political parties in Timor-Leste. H.E. Babo Soares also served as the General Secretary for CNRT from 2007–2017.

H.E. Babo Soares is a reliable politician, lecturer at the National University of Timor-Leste, and a musician. He is also the composer and jogging is his daily routine.



**SECRETARY-GENERAL:
DR. HAB. MARCIN CZEPELAK**

Elected on 14 February 2022 by the PCA Administrative Council for the term of 5 years (from 1 June 2022 until 31 May 2027)

Previous Position

- Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to the Kingdom of the Netherlands (September 2017 – May 2022)
- Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (September 2017 – May 2022)

Languages

Polish (native)	English (fluent)	French (fluent)
German (fluent)	Dutch (good)	Spanish (good)

Diplomatic Experience

- Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) – Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland (September 2017 – May 2022)
- Member of the Committee on the Election of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (2019 – 2020)
- Chairman of the Working Group on the Rules of Procedure of The Hague Conference on Private International Law – HCCH (2018 – 2020)
- UNGA First Committee (Disarmament and International Security – New York): co-leading the official delegation of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations General Assembly, First (Disarmament and International Security) and Sixth (Legal) in New York

Managerial Experience

- Head of Mission – Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Business – Member and Vice-Chair of the Supervisory Board, ENION S.A. (2006 – 2008)
- Public administration – Team Leader, Legal Information Unit and later Head, Urban Planning Department, Town Hall of Kraków (2003 – 2006)

Legal Experience: Private International Law

- Jagiellonian University in Kraków – Law and Administration Faculty (since 2006); Assistant in the Chair of Private International Law (since 2006); Associate Professor in the Chair of Private International Law (since 2007)
- Max-Planck Institut für ausländisches und internationales Privatrecht in Hamburg – Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law (2004 – 2005) – doctoral research year financed by the Ryoichi Sasakawa Young Leaders Fellowship Fund
- Expert of the European Commission – member of the Group of Experts on the property consequences of marriage and other forms of union – “PRM-III”
- Expert of the Committee on Legal Affairs of the European Parliament on the reform of the Brussels II Regulation
- Expert of the Polish Parliament on the substantial reform of Part IV of the Polish Code of Civil Procedure (Rules on International Civil Procedure)
- Speaker on courses for judges from the European Union organized by the Academy of European Law in Trier (ERA)
- Author of 40 publications on international instruments from the field of private international law, party autonomy, international commercial litigation, and investment arbitration

Academic Career

Academic degrees awarded by the Law and Administration Faculty of the Jagiellonian University:

- Doctor habilitatus (Dr hab. – habilitation) – (2016)
- Doctor iuris (Dr – doctor of legal sciences) – (2006)
- Magister iuris (Mgr – graduate diploma in law) – after completing five years of studies (2002)

Research projects and grants:

- ‘International Law of Obligations of the European Union’, financed by the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education (2007 – 2010)
- ‘Private International Law Aspects of Bilateral Investment Treaties’, financed by the Max-Planck-Gesellschaft (Max Planck Society) (2007)

- 'International Convention as a Source of Private International Law', financed by the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education (2005 – 2007)
- Short (i.e., at least two weeks) research stays abroad: Institut de Droit Comparé (Institute of Comparative Law) in Paris, University of Heidelberg, University of Cologne, University of Salzburg, Charles University in Prague, Eötvös Loránd University in Budapest, University of Pécs, and University of Seville

Scholarships, fellowships & awards:

- Bohdan Winiarski Scholar, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge (2010)
- EPS (European Judicial Review) Award for the most useful book in court proceedings (2013)
- The Polish Prime Minister's Award for the best doctoral thesis (2007)

Memberships:

- Czech Yearbook of International Law – Editorial Board
- ELTE Law Journal – Advisory Board

Select Bibliography

Books:

- Autonomia woli w prawie prywatnym międzynarodowym Unii Europejskiej, [*Party Autonomy in the Private International Law of the European Union*], Poltext 2015, pp. 474
- Międzynarodowe prawo zobowiązań Unii Europejskiej. Komentarz do rozporządzeń rzymskich, [*International Law of Obligations of the European Union. Commentary to the Rome I and II Regulations*], LexisNexis 2012, pp. 533
- Umowa międzynarodowa jako źródło prawa prywatnego międzynarodowego, [*International Convention as a Source of Private International Law*], Wolters Kluwer Poland 2008, pp. 628 (English summary p. 513-521)
- Stosunki majątkowe między małżonkami w prawie prywatnym międzynarodowym, [*Matrimonial Property in Private International Law*], Krakowskie Towarzystwo Edukacyjne 2004, pp. 128

Chapters in books:

- The Application of the Rome I and Rome II Regulations in Poland, in: Rome I and Rome II in Practice, ed. E. Guinchard, Intersentia 2020, p. 445-464 (pp. 20)
- Chapter 4: Weksle i czeki, [*Bills of exchange, promissory notes, and cheques*], in: System prawa handlowego, t. 4, Prawo instrumentów finansowych, [*System of Commercial Law, vol. 4, Law of Financial Instruments*], ed. Mirosław Stec, C.H. Beck 2016, p. 115-230 (pp. 116)

Articles:

- Concurrent Causes of Action in the Rome I and II Regulations, *Journal of Private International Law* 2011, Vol. 7, No. 2, p. 393-410 (pp. 18)
- The Experience Concerning the Application of Community Instruments in the Recent EU Member States, in: *Latest Developments in EU Private International Law*, eds. B. Campuzano Díaz, M. Czepelak, A. Rodriguez Benot, A. Rodriguez Vasquez, Intersentia 2011, p. 49-61 (pp. 13)
- Contractual Choice of Forum in International Investment Arbitration, *Czech Yearbook of International Law* 2011, p. 47-72 (pp. 26)
- Party Autonomy in European Private Law – the Attempt of Evaluation of Current Developments, in: *Central and Eastern European Countries after and before the Accession*, Vol. 2, Budapest 2011, p. 37-53 (pp. 17)
- Would We Like to Have a European Code of Private International Law? *European Review of Private Law* 2010, vol. 18, No. 4, p. 705-728 (pp. 24)
- The Law Applicable to the Contract of Carriage under the Rome I Regulation, *Czech Yearbook of International Law* 2010, p. 47-68, (pp. 22) – „Klauzule parasolowe” w dwustronnych umowach o ochronie inwestycji zagranicznych, [*“Umbrella clauses” in bilateral investment treaties*], *ADR. Arbitraż i Mediacja* 2009, vol. 1, p. 41-46 (pp. 6)

Biography of Dr. Hao Duy PHAN

Dr. Hao Duy Phan is a lecturer and researcher at the Diplomatic Academy of Viet Nam. He has over 20 years of experience in the field of public international law, having worked as a senior legal officer at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Viet Nam, a senior research fellow at the Centre for International Law of the National University of Singapore, a lecturer at various universities and a visiting fellow at different research institutions. Dr. Phan is the author of many books and articles on various issues of international law. He received a B.A. from the Institute for International Relations of Vietnam, an LL.M. from the University of Notre Dame Law School (*summa cum laude*), and an SJD from the American University Washington College of Law.



Daphne Hong, Solicitor-General and Director-General, International Affairs Division, AGC



Daphne Hong is the Solicitor-General and concurrently the Director-General of the International Affairs Division of the Attorney-General's Chambers (AGC).

She joined the AGC in November 2006, where she undertook international law advisory and negotiation work covering the entire range of international law issues. She was attached to Singapore's Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York as its legal advisor from September to December 2009. From 2010 to 2015, her primary focus was on international economic law, encompassing trade and investment law and international intellectual property law.

She was appointed as Director-General of the International Affairs Division of AGC in August 2016. In this role, she is the Legal Adviser of Singapore and heads the legal department that advises the government on all international law matters, including international economic law, law of the sea, aviation law and human rights law. She also represents Singapore in international negotiations and dispute resolution. More recently, she was involved in the applications before the International Court of Justice involving, *inter alia*, sovereignty over the island, Pedra Branca, and leads the legal team in maritime boundary delimitation matters.

She was appointed as Solicitor-General in April 2022. In this role, she assists the Attorney-General in overseeing the administration and operation of the Attorney-General's Chambers.



Ambassador J. Eduardo Malaya, a career member of the Philippine Foreign Service, commenced his diplomatic assignment in The Netherlands on April 7, 2021 upon the presentation of his credentials to H.M. King Willem-Alexander.

He was elected in December 2022 as President of the Administrative Council of the Permanent Court of Arbitration for the term 2023 to 2024.

Before coming over to The Hague, Ambassador Malaya was Undersecretary (Deputy Minister) of the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs from August 2019 to March 2021 and Assistant Secretary (Director-General) for Treaties and

Legal Affairs from April 2017 to July 2019. He was Ambassador to Malaysia from September 2011 to March 2017, and Foreign Affairs Spokesman from February 2009 to September 2011.

He is Vice President of the Philippine Society of International Law (2017 to present) and a Member of the Editorial Board of the Philippine Yearbook of International Law (2017 to present), and was elected to the Executive Council of the Asian Society of International Law in August 2021.

He is the author, main author or editor of nine books on international law, diplomacy and history, notably “Philippine Treaties in Force 2020”; “Treaties: Guidance on Practices and Procedures” (2019); “Enhancing International Legal Cooperation: Extradition, Mutual Legal Assistance, and Transfer of Sentenced Persons” (2019); “Stewards of the Nation: Aguinaldo to Duterte and their Inaugural Visions” (2018); “Forging Partnerships: Philippine Defense Cooperation in Constitutional and International Laws” (2017); and “Frontlines of Diplomacy: Conversations with Philippine Ambassadors” (2011). Frontlines of Diplomacy was a Finalist for the 2011 National Book Awards.

He was accorded the rank of Datu (Gold Distinction) in the Order of Sikatuna in 2010 by President Gloria Arroyo and the rank of Dakilang Kamanong (Grand Cross) in the Order of Mabini (Gawad Mabini) in 2016 by President Benigno Aquino III.

The Congress of the Philippines commended him, through House Resolution No. 34 dated 25 January 2017, for his “pro-active work, community outreach and leadership” as Philippine Ambassador to Malaysia.

He received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of the Philippines in 2018.

He is married to Rena Cristina, an obstetrician-gynecologist, and has three children.



Mr Adam McCarthy is Chief Counsel and First Assistant Secretary, Legal Division at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT).

Prior to this he was acting First Assistant Secretary, Multilateral Policy Division at DFAT.

From 2015 to 2019, Mr McCarthy served as Australia's High Commissioner to South Africa with non-resident accreditation to Angola, Botswana, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland and the Southern African Development Community (SADC).

Until March 2013 to 2019, Mr McCarthy was Assistant Secretary, Africa Branch. Prior to that he served as Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom and Australian Representative to the Commonwealth Board of Governors from April 2009 until December 2012.

A senior DFAT career officer, Mr McCarthy has previously served overseas as First Secretary (Political) at the Australian High Commission in Wellington (1996-99) and Counsellor (Trade Policy) at the Australian Embassy in Washington DC (2002-2006).

In Canberra, Mr McCarthy has worked in a range of positions primarily in the multilateral, trade, legal and arms control fields, including from 2006 to 2009 as Assistant Secretary, International Legal Branch.

After graduating from the University of Sydney with honours degrees in Economics and Law, Mr McCarthy practiced as a solicitor before joining DFAT through the graduate program in 1993. He also holds Graduate Diplomas in Legal Practice (University of Technology Sydney) and Foreign Affairs and Trade (Monash University).

Mr McCarthy is married to Nicky with two children, Ella and Benjamin. Mr McCarthy is keen on tennis, running, fishing, diving and skiing.