



Ambassador Nargiz Gurbanova
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Ambassador Nargiz Gurbanova graduated from the Baku State University (Azerbaijan) with a BA/MA in International Relations and Ph.D. degree in Political Science from the University of Vienna (Austria). Her academic background also includes an MSc in International Management from the Western University (Azerbaijan), as well as studies in international business at the Jönköping International Business School (Sweden) and international law at the University of Nice (France).

Ambassador Gurbanova joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan in 2001 and has served in various diplomatic positions. From 2004 to 2007, she served as Third Secretary/Second Secretary at the Embassy of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Republic of Austria and Permanent Mission to the Republic of Azerbaijan to OSCE and UN Organizations in Vienna. From 2010 to 2013, she was posted to the Embassy of Azerbaijan to the United States of America, where she served as Counselor, Charge d'Affaires, and later as Deputy Chief of Mission.

At the headquarters, she served as Director of the Department for Economic Cooperation and Development from 2014 to 2016.

Her diplomatic service abroad includes her tenure as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Republic of Bulgaria from 2016 to 2020, and as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the Republic of Poland from 2021 to 2026.

On 10 September 2026 Ambassador Gurbanova was appointed Director of Department for Economic Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

Ambassador Gurbanova has been awarded with the Centennial (1919-2019) Medal of the Diplomatic Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Order of the Madara Horseman (First degree) of the Republic of Bulgaria and the Medal of the University of Warsaw, Poland.

She is married, with one son.