



His Excellency

Ambassador Harald Braun

Permanent Representative to the United Nations from Germany

Ambassador Harald Braun has been the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations in New York since March 2014.

Prior to his nomination, Ambassador Braun was State Secretary of the Federal Foreign Office from 2011 to 2014. Between 2009 and 2011 he had been Director-General for Management of the German Foreign Office. Former diplomatic postings include Beirut, London, Bujumbura, Washington and Paris. In 1992-94 he was Chief of Staff to the Foreign Minister and from 2003 to 2005 Deputy Foreign and Security Adviser to the Federal Chancellor.

From 2005 to 2008 he was on leave of absence from the diplomatic service as Corporate Senior Vice President for policy and external relations of Siemens AG.

In March 2008 Ambassador Braun was named Research Professor for Global Studies and Diplomacy at the State University of New York at Stony Brook.

Harald Braun studied economics and history in Tübingen and New York and completed a doctorate at

SUNY Stony Brook before entering the Foreign Service in 1981.

Ambassador Braun was awarded an Honorary Citizenship of Washington D.C. in 2002. He is Grand Officer of the National Order of the French Legion D'Honneur, bearer of the Grand Cross of the Italian Order of Merit and further international distinctions, as well as a member of the Knights of the Order of St. John.

He has been married to Dr. Ute Braun since 1980; they have three adult children and two grandchildren.

His interests include classical music, modern literature, arts and sports.

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INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT

Germany

THE FLAG OF Germany



MEANING

The **flag of Germany** is a tricolor consisting of three equal horizontal bands displaying the colors of Germany: black, red, and gold. The flag was first adopted as the national flag of modern Germany in 1919, during the Weimar Republic. The colors of the modern flag are associated with the republican democracy formed after World War I, and represent German unity and freedom.

www.eupedia.com/germany/trivia.shtml; <https://en.wikipedia.org/>

- The German language was once the lingua franca of central, eastern and northern Europe, and remains the language with the most native speakers in Europe.
- As a global leader in several industrial and technological sectors, Germany is both the world's third-largest exporter and importer of goods.



- Ulm Cathedral is the tallest church in the world, with 161.53 metres (530 feet) in height.
- A long tradition of sausage-making exists in Germany; more than 1500 different types of sausage (German: *Wurst*) are made. Strict regulations governing what may and may not be put into them have been in force in Germany since the 13th century.



- Frankfurt International Airport claims the world record in the most international destinations served. The Lufthansa, based in Frankfurt, is the world's largest airline in terms of international passengers carried, and Europe's largest in terms of passenger-kilometers flown, freight ton-kilometers flown and fleet size.
- The Christmas tree (Tannenbaum) tradition came from Germany.
- The first printed book was in German.



- Oktoberfest is held annually in Munich, Bavaria, Germany, it is a 16- to 18-day folk festival running from mid or late September to the first weekend in October, with more than 6 million people from around the world attending the event every year.