

Jenö C. A. Staehelin

Born 14.1.1940 in Basel, Switzerland

Dr. iur. (Bern), LL.M. (Harvard)
Attorney-at-law,
Ambassador (ret.)

Married to Irène Staehelin–Schindler (1945 – 2019), Master of Arts (M.A.) in
Anthropology / Graduate Certificate of African Studies, Boston University, Mass.

1969

Admission to the Swiss Foreign Service

1971 – 1976

Legal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

1976 – 1977

Swiss Delegation to OECD, Paris

1977 – 1984

Vice-President of the European Patent Office, Munich

1984 – 1987

MOFA, Deputy Director for International Organizations

1987 – 1993

MOFA, Head of European and North American Affairs Department, Ambassador

1991 – 1993

Concurrently: Ambassador on Special Mission to the Holy See, Vatican

1993 – 1997

Ambassador to Japan

1997 – 2004

Ambassador to the United Nations, New York

2003

President of the Executive Board of UNICEF, New York

2004 – 2005

Special Advisor to Swiss Foreign Minister

2005

Commissioner General of Switzerland, EXPO 05, Aichi, Japan

1997 - 2010

Member of the Dean's Advisory Board, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass.

2000 – 2006

Member of the Board of the International Peace Academy/International Peace Institute, New York

2005 – 2007

Member of the Board of the «Graduate Institute of International Studies», Geneva

2006 – 2010

Member of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), Geneva

2006 – 2012

Member/Vice-President of the «Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue», Geneva

2011 – 2015

Member of the Overseers' Visiting Committee for the Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass

2007 – 2019

Member/Interim Chairman of the Board of the Kofi Annan Foundation, Geneva

2011 – 2015

Dean of the Mercator Fellowship on International Affairs, Switzerland

2014 – 2020

Founder and President of the Jury of «The Geneva Challenge», Geneva

Since 2006

Chairman of the Board of the Dr. Jenö Staehelin Foundation, Switzerland

Since 2019

Member of the Board of the Ubuntu Foundation/San Culture & Education Centre, Switzerland/South Africa

1980 - 2010

Member of the Board of Schindler Holding Ltd, Switzerland