



**HE Mr Jens Hanefeld, Ambassador of Germany to Ethiopia and Permanent Observer to the African Union in Ethiopia**

HE Jens Hanefeld joined the German Federal Foreign Office in 1991 and was appointed to his current role as German Ambassador to Ethiopia and Permanent Observer to the African Union in 2024. Previously, he held positions as Minister and Deputy Chief of Mission at the German Embassy in Washington from 2009-2014, Head of the State Secretaries' Office from 2005-2009 and Private Secretary to the State Secretary from 2001-2005. He also served at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin and Bonn, and at the German Embassy in Sofia.

Between 2014-2024, Ambassador Hanefeld was seconded to the Volkswagen Group, where served as Senior Vice President for International, European and Trade Policy. He holds a master's degree from the Freie Universität Berlin.