



### **Ambassador Nancy J. Powell (Ex officio)**



Ambassador Nancy J. Powell has been a career member of the Foreign Service for 34 years and holds the highest rank in the Foreign Service, Career Ambassador, conferred on January 3, 2011. Prior to her present position as Director General of the Foreign Service and Director of Human Resources, she was the U.S. Ambassador to Nepal from August 2007 to August 2009. From 2006-2007, she served as the National Intelligence Officer for South Asia at the National Intelligence Council, as the State Department's Senior Coordinator for Avian Influenza, and as Acting Assistant Secretary for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Activities. She has also served as U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan, Ghana, and Uganda. Ambassador Powell was assigned as the Deputy Chief of Mission in Bangladesh and Togo, Acting Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for African Affairs, Consul General in Calcutta, consular officer in Kathmandu, and as Nepal Desk Officer. Her other overseas assignments include Islamabad and Ottawa. She also served in Washington as a Refugee Assistance Officer. Prior to joining the State Department, Ambassador Powell served as a high school social studies teacher. Ambassador Powell studied French, Nepali, Hindi, and Urdu. She is the recipient of the Homeland Security Service to America Medal for 2006 for Avian Influenza preparations, and the U.S. State Department Arnold L. Raphel Award for 2003.

Ambassador Powell was born in Cedar Falls, Iowa. She graduated from the University of Northern Iowa in 1970.