

RUVENDRINI MENIKDIWELA

Ruven Menikdiwela is currently serving as the UNHCR Representative in Pakistan, to which function she was appointed in September 2017. Prior to taking up her assignment in Pakistan, she was the UNHCR Representative in Thailand.



Ms. Menikdiwela's career with UNHCR spans over 27 years and includes a range of functions both at UNHCR Headquarters as well as its country operations in Thailand (where she also served previously in 1993), Turkmenistan, and the United States.

Ms. Menikdiwela obtained her LLB and her LLM in European Community and Public International Law from the University of Paris II. She is fluent in English and French.

Functions with UNHCR

Sept 2017	UNHCR Representative in Pakistan
2015 - 2017	UNHCR Representative in Thailand
2011 – 2015	Head, Investigation Service, Inspector General's Office, UNHCR Headquarters, Geneva
2007 – 2011	Deputy Director, Division of International protection, UNHCR Headquarters, Geneva
2004 – 2007	Head of Desk for the Middle East and North Africa, Regional Bureau for Central Asia, South West Asia, the Middle East and North Africa (CASWANAME), UNHCR Headquarters, Geneva
2001 – 2004	UNHCR Representative in Turkmenistan
1997 – 2001	Senior Legal Adviser, Regional Bureau for Asia and the Pacific, UNHCR Headquarters, Geneva
1993 – 1997	Protection Officer, UNHCR Representation in Thailand
1991 – 1993	Associate Legal Officer, UNHCR Representation in the United States
1988 – 1991	Associate Legal Officer, Division of Refugee Law and Doctrine, UNHCR Headquarters, Geneva

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