



Ambassador Richard A. Boucher took up his duties as Deputy Secretary-General of the OECD in November 5, 2009. Among his responsibilities, he spearheads the Organization's enhanced engagement and accession processes.

Ambassador Boucher, a U.S. national, is a senior foreign policy executive who has managed world-wide teams, programs and strategies and brings extensive experience in emerging economies. Over his thirty-year career in foreign policy, he has consistently had challenging assignments and achieved the highest rank in the United States Foreign Service.

From 2006 to 2009, as Assistant Secretary of State for South and Central Asia, Ambassador Boucher was involved in high-level negotiations throughout the region, from Kazakhstan to India. Prior to this, he was Spokesman and Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs for five years, crafting the U.S. public approach on critical world issues for three Secretaries of State. In 1999, he served as the U.S. Senior Official for Asia-Pacific Economic Co-operation promoting more open trade and an improved investment climate. From 1993 to 1999, he served consecutive terms as the U.S. Ambassador to Cyprus and Consul General in Hong Kong.

Ambassador Boucher is fluent in French and Mandarin Chinese. He holds a BA in French and English Literature from Tufts University and undertook further studies in International Economics at George Washington University.