

## Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen



Anne-Birgitte Albrechtsen has since March 2007 served as Head of the Department for Humanitarian Policy and Assistance and NGO Cooperation in the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Before her current appointment, she was head of the multilateral section in the Ministry's Quality Assurance Department. She has recently completed a revision of the Danish strategy for support to civil society and has embarked on an update of the Danish Humanitarian Strategy.

Ms. Albrechtsen returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in July 2006 after 9 years with the UN system. Here she served as UNFPA Representative for Turkey and South Caucasus from 2004 to 2006. During this time the activities of UNFPA in the region grew considerably and the organisation is today known for its flagship programmes in the areas of protecting the rights of women and youth. From 2000 to 2004 Ms. Albrechtsen worked for UNDP as Chef de Cabinet and management advisor for the Administrator, Mr. Mark Malloch Brown, and contributed significantly to the comprehensive reform effort that was widely recognized as making the UNDP more focused, efficient and effective. From 1997-2000 Ms. Albrechtsen served for UNDP in the Asia and the Pacific region as Deputy Resident Representative in Indonesia during the important transition to democracy in that country.

Prior to joining the UN, Ms. Albrechtsen served as First Secretary at the Danish mission to the UN in New York and she held various positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Copenhagen, which she joined in 1991. From 1986 to 1991 Ms. Albrechtsen worked as political assistant to the chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee in the Danish Parliament and campaigned for and held political office in Copenhagen City Council.

Ms. Albrechtsen holds a Master's Degree in Law from Copenhagen University. She is married and has two children.