

His Excellency Mohamed Abushahab

*Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of
the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations in New York*



Ambassador Mohamed Abushahab was appointed Deputy Permanent Representative of the United Arab Emirates to the United Nations in New York in August 2021. Prior to his appointment, he served as the UAE Ambassador to the Kingdom of Belgium, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the European Union from January 2017 to July 2021.

Ambassador Abushahab served as the Director of the Policy Planning Department at the UAE's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation from 2013 to 2017. In that position, he was responsible for providing strategic analysis and insights to the UAE Minister of Foreign Affairs as well as other relevant UAE Ministers, and played an instrumental role in delivering on key MoFAIC projects – including the establishment of the Emirates Diplomatic Academy (now the Anwar Gargash Diplomatic Academy) and the launch of the UAE-US Sawab Center for countering online radicalization.

During his diplomatic career at the UAE Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Ambassador Abushahab held a variety of other positions. Between 2012 and 2013, he served as the Acting Director of the Department of American and Pacific Affairs, where he managed the bilateral relations between the UAE and countries in North, Central, and Southern America as well as Pacific countries. From 2010 to 2012, he headed the International Climate Change Division in the Directorate of Energy and Climate Change, where he led a number of UAE delegations to the UNFCCC's climate change negotiations, managed the UAE's engagement in the Clean Energy Ministerial, and represented the UAE in the G-20 Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency Working Group.

Earlier in his career, Ambassador Abushahab spent five years at the Permanent Mission of the UAE to the United Nations in New York (2005-2010), where he represented the UAE on the First and Second Committees.

Ambassador Abushahab holds a BA from the American University in Washington, D.C. He is passionate about Art & Design, traveling, and enjoys playing Padel Tennis and snowboarding. He is married and has four children.