

Massimiliano Paolucci



Massimiliano Paolucci is the new World Bank Group Special Representative to the European Institutions, NATO, the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand-Duchy of Luxembourg since November 1, 2013. Mr. Massimiliano Paolucci replaced Mr. Sándor Sipos who returned to Washington, D.C.

Prior to his current assignment, Mr. Paolucci served as Head of the World Bank Group Office for Southern Europe based in Rome, Italy where he coordinated the dialogue with constituencies in Italy, Spain, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus and the Holy See. He also served as Senior Country Officer for Brazil and several Caribbean countries. As such, he coordinated policy dialogue with the countries' authorities, authored country assistance strategy documents and advised on portfolio issues. Mr. Paolucci extensively worked on and resided in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, where he served as World Bank Group Liaison Officer during President Aristide's and Preval's second mandates. In 2008, he authored the World Bank Group Haiti Interim Strategy Note, which was praised by both the World Bank Group Senior Management and the Board of Directors for being a well-prepared and presented document offering a compelling case for increasing assistance to Haiti in the context of multiple and competing demands, volatile security situation, challenging governance framework, and limited IDA resources. Mr. Paolucci worked as co-task manager of education projects in conflict areas in Latin America and the Caribbean region. Prior to joining the World Bank Group in 1999, Mr. Paolucci served with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, McKinsey – Brussels Office and the Statistical and Economics Department of the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Genoa, Italy.

Mr. Paolucci holds a M. A. in International Relations and Economics from the John Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies (Bologna/Washington, D.C.) and a summa cum laude (top 1 tier) Master's equivalent degree in International Political Science. In addition to Italian, his native language, he is fluent in English, Spanish, French and Portuguese. He is married and has two children.