



**Raymond Loretan
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Ambassador Raymond Loretan is Consul General of Switzerland in New York since August 2002. He moved from Singapore where he served as Swiss Ambassador for five years to the Republic of Singapore and to the Sultanate of Brunei. One of the highlights of his assignment in South East Asia was the signature of a free trade agreement between Singapore and the European Free Trade Association.

Ambassador Loretan was born in Sion in the Canton of Valais and graduated in law at the University of Fribourg . He joined the Foreign Ministry in 1983 and served as chief of cabinet to Federal Councilor Arnold Koller from 1987 – 1990. On leave from the Foreign Ministry, he became Counsellor in European Affairs of the Canton of Valais and then Secretary General of the Christian Democratic Party of Switzerland. He rejoined the government in 1997 to become Swiss Ambassador to Singapore.

Ambassador Loretan is married and has three children.