

## Ambassador SHK. Meshal Bin Hamad Al-Thani

His Excellency Sheikh Meshal Bin Hamad Al-Thani, Ambassador of the State of Qatar to the United States of America, assumed his post in Washington D.C. in December 2016.

Prior to serving as the lead Qatari diplomat in the U.S., Ambassador Al-Thani was the Qatari Ambassador to France from November 2013 to October 2016. For three years, he dedicated his expertise and efforts to strengthening the Qatari-French bilateral relations and the EU-Qatari relations at large.

Previously, Ambassador Al-Thani served as the Permanent Representative of the State of Qatar to the United Nations from July 2011 to October 2013. During his time at the UN, Ambassador Al-Thani spared no effort in intertwining Qatar's 2030 National Vision with the goals of the various UN agencies.

Before joining the UN Mission in NY, H.E. Al-Thani served as Ambassador of Qatar to Brussels from October 2007 to July 2011. During his time as Ambassador to Brussels, H.E. Al-Thani chaired the Qatari Mission to the EU. He previously acted as the Qatari Liaison with NATO, as member of the Qatari diplomatic mission in the Belgian capital from November 2004 to July 2007.

His Excellency Meshal Al-Thani is not new to the United States. He served as member of the Qatari diplomatic mission in Washington D.C. from October 2000 to October 2004. He also joined the Qatari Mission to the UN in New York from August 1998 to September 2000.

Ambassador Al-Thani debuted his diplomatic career at the Department of European and American Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from May 1997 to August 1998. He is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service since March 2009.

Ambassador Al-Thani received his Master's in international relations from the American University, Washington D.C. in 2004. He is married with three children.