

David Dondua

First Deputy State Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration

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David Dondua was appointed as a First Deputy State Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration in October 2012. Prior to his current assignment he was Chief of Cabinet of the Chairman of Parliament of Georgia (2008-2012).

David Dondua joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia in 1993 and served as a Political Director (2006-2008), Ambassador to NATO (2001-2006), Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy to the United States (1998-2000), Director of Department for Politico-Military Affairs (1996-1998), Deputy head and then Head of NATO Division (1994-1996) and I secretary in the Department for International Organizations (1993-1994).

In 1994-1995 as a member of the State Delegation he was engaged in negotiations between Georgia and the Russian Federation on military issues, including the status of Russian Military Bases stationed in Georgia. In 1995-1998 he also held the position of the Executive Secretary of the State Interagency Committee for Co-operation with NATO/PPF. He holds Diplomatic rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary (Since 2001).

Before joining Foreign Service, in 1981-1988 David Dondua worked as an assistant professor at the Institute of Geography of the Academy of Sciences of Georgia. His research area was political and commercial geography of South Caucasus. In 1988-1992 he was deputy director and professor of geography and natural history at Tbilisi Gymnasium. He is an author of textbooks on geography and natural history for primary and secondary schools of Georgia. He is a member scientific council of Geographic Society of Georgia. He holds MA from Tbilisi State University in economic and social geography (1981).

He has contributed to a number of publications on various foreign affairs and security related topics, including: NATO, Conflict resolution, CFE Treaty, National Security Concept of Georgia, Black Sea and Caucasus regional cooperation. He is fluent in English and Russian and has conversational French. His hobbies include tennis, golf, jazz, photography, gardening and travel.

He was born in 1959 in Tbilisi, Georgia. He is married to Téa who is journalist and professor of Georgian language. They have daughter Anna.