



HE Mr. Saeed Mohamed Alfihani
Chairman



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Academic Qualifications:

- Master of Arts in Political Science, University of Ohio, United States of America (1983).
- Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, Concordia University, Canada (1981).

Current Positions:

- Chairman of the National Institution *for* Human Rights, since April 2017.

Other Positions:

- Human Rights Council, Geneva:
 - Member of the advisory committee of the Human Rights council 2012 – 2015.
- Ministry of Human Rights Affairs, Kingdom of Bahrain:
 - Undersecretary, Ministry of Human Rights Affairs, 2011– 2012.
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kingdom of Bahrain:
 - Ambassador, Office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, 2007 - 2011.
 - Ambassador, Office of the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, 2005-2007.
 - Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations Office in Geneva, 2001-2005.
 - Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations Office in Vienna, 2001-2005.
 - Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in Vienna, 2001-2005.
 - Permanent Representative of Bahrain to the World Trade Organization, Geneva, 2001-2005.



- Consul-General of Bahrain to the Swiss Confederation, Geneva, 2001-2005.
- Counselor, Minister of Foreign Affairs Office, 1999-2001.
- Consul of Bahrain in New York, 1993-1994.
- First Secretary, Minister of Foreign Affairs Office from 1995-1998.
- First Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Bahrain to the United Nations Office, New York, 1988-1994.
- Second Secretary at the Permanent Mission of Bahrain to the United Nations Office, Geneva, 1985-1988.
- Vice-Consul, Consulate General of Bahrain in Geneva, 1985-1988
- Second Secretary in Ministry of Foreign Affairs 1983.

- **Participation and course:**
 - Participated in the following International Organizations meetings and Forums (1988 - 2011) such as, UN Security Council, UN General Assembly, International Labor Organization, World Health Organization, World Trade Organization, ICRC, IFRC, Crans Montana Forum.
 - Preparatory Meetings for the Establishment of the UN Human Rights Council and the first Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (2005-2006)
 - Human Rights Commission (Elected Vice-Chair from Asia during the sixtieth session of the Commission, 2004 as the only person from the Arabian Gulf to be elected for a post in the Commission since its inception in 1946 until it was abolished in 2006).
 - Course in International Refugee Law, organized by International Institute of Humanitarian Law and UNHCR, San Remo, Italy, 1987.

- **Special Assignments:**
 - Involved in the repatriation of Bahraini fishermen held in Qatar, 2010.
 - Involved in the repatriation of Bahraini citizens held in Israel through heading a mission to Tel Aviv that negotiated their release, July 2009.
 - Involved in the negotiations to release the Bahraini citizens held in Guantanamo, 2004.
 - Covering the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and its aftermath in the Security Council, New York, 1990-1994.

- **Medals & Awards:**
 - Medal of Efficiency awarded by His Majesty King Hamad bin Isa Al Khalifa, King of the Kingdom of Bahrain, December 2012.