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## Fred Kingston

Executive Secretary



Fred Kingston joined the NAFO Secretariat on 1 January 2014 as the Executive Secretary. He is NAFO Secretariat's chief administrative officer, with the authority over managing employees and employee-related issues of the Secretariat, as well as performing such other duties and functions as the Commission of NAFO may prescribe. These other duties include supervising and coordinating NAFO Secretariat activities, providing all necessary support for meetings, representing NAFO in the Organization's external relations and implementing, as required, decisions of the Commission and Scientific Council.

Fred is a Canadian who had worked for the European Commission for over 25 years at the EU Delegation in Ottawa Canada. His responsibilities at the Delegation included trade, agriculture, food safety and fisheries. He has also been involved with NAFO for many years, participating as a delegate from the EU. In recent years he focussed on the financial and administrative side of NAFO, including serving as Chair of STACFAD (NAFO's Committee on Finance and Administration) for 10 years (1998 to 2007), as well as interim Chair of STACFAD in 2012. Fred is a lawyer, qualified to practice law in Canada (Ontario). He has a BA from the University of Toronto (Trinity College) and an LL.B. from the University of Windsor. He also has a graduate degree in international and comparative law (LL.M. (*Magna Cum Laude*)) from the Vrije Universiteit Brussel in Brussels, Belgium and a graduate diploma in European law from the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium.



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