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Ambassador Andreas von Brandt is Germany's Permanent Representative to the Rome-based United Nations agencies: the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the World Food Programme (WFP), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the Committee on World Food Security (CFS), and ICCROM.

He serves as Chair of FAO's Committee on Legal and Constitutional Matters (CCLM) for the 2025–27 biennium and as a member of the WFP Executive Board Bureau and List D Convenor for 2026, representing 32 donor countries. His work focuses on UN reform, strengthening collaboration among Rome-based agencies, advancing the Humanitarian Development Peace (HDP) Nexus, promoting the human right to adequate food, and integrating climate, biodiversity, and bioeconomy considerations into rural development. Together with India, he co-founded and co-chairs the Group of Friends on Rome-based Agency Collaboration, contributing to the UN80 reform agenda.

Prior to his posting in Rome, Ambassador von Brandt held senior leadership roles within the German Federal Foreign Office, contributing to the conceptualization and implementation of the HDP Nexus across German foreign and development policy, and overseeing strategy, planning, communication, and institutional learning.

From 2020 to 2022, he served as Ambassador of the European Union to Afghanistan, leading the EU Delegation during a period of exceptional political and security challenges. He managed major development and humanitarian assistance portfolios, oversaw the NATO withdrawal period, coordinated donor engagement, and led the evacuation of international and Afghan staff. He subsequently guided EU policy engagement from Doha and oversaw the EU's return to Kabul.

Earlier, Ambassador von Brandt was Deputy Director in the Private Office of NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg (2018–2020), advising on relations with Russia and China, arms control, NATO enlargement, partnerships, and the Western Balkans. He previously served as Deputy Ambassador at the German Embassy in Kabul, Deputy Head of Division for Southern Caucasus and Central Asia, and in senior postings in Pakistan, Libya, Tunisia, Kyrgyzstan, and Rome.

Before joining the German Foreign Service, he worked with the World Bank and the Inter-American Development Bank on governance, justice reform, and human rights, and completed policy assistance assignments with FAO on food security and bioenergy.

Ambassador von Brandt holds advanced degrees in Political Science, International Relations, and Law, including an LL.M. in International Law. A Fulbright Scholar, he has also worked as a freelance journalist. He speaks English, German, French, Spanish, Italian, Portuguese, and Russian, with basic knowledge of Farsi, Urdu, and Arabic.

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