

## Short Bio

### Ambassador Leonidha Mërtiri

Ambassador Leonidha Mërtiri is graduated from Tirana University, Faculty of History- Philology, for Literature and Albanian Language. After completing of studies he worked the teacher, with the youth and journalist.

He joined the Albanian diplomatic service in 1982 and during his diplomatic career has held high ranking positions both at home and abroad. From 1987-1991 he served as Counselor in the Albania's Embassy to Serbia. From February 1993, with the opening for the first time of the Office of Albania in the Republic of Macedonia, he was appointed Chief of the Office, General Consul.

From 1998-2000, Adviser to the Minister of Foreign Affairs.

From 2000-2006 he served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Albania to Romania.

From 2006 until 2013, when he retired, he served as Director of the Directorate of Neighboring Countries, Director of Directorate of South-East Asia etc.

He has attending numerous trainings and academic programs at home and abroad and has conducted and attended in several official delegations for the Protection of Human Rights, for Problems of Bilateral Relations etc.

Author of a large number of articles, interviews and studies in the Albanian media and in some European countries on International Affairs and Diplomacy.

Foreign Languages: English, Serbian