

### Prince Constantijn



Prince Constantijn is the third and youngest son of H.M. Queen Beatrix of The Netherlands. He is married to Princess Laurentien. They have three children. Besides his official duties as a member of the Royal House, Prince Constantijn has decided to pursue his own career.

On graduating, Prince Constantijn gained work experience in the private office of the Dutch European Commissioner, Hans van den Broek, and continued to work there until 1999. From 2001 to 2003, the Prince worked as a strategic policy consultant with Booz Allen & Hamilton in London. He has been working as an advisor on European communications at the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1 August 2003. In this capacity, he spends one day a week advising the Minister for European Affairs on communication strategies on European cooperation.

Since 1 March 2004, the Prince has been working in Brussels as a policy researcher for RAND Europe, a non-profit organisation responsible for independent policy research and consultancy for both the public and private sectors in areas such as information technology, transport, education, health care and safety. Since 2007, the Prince has been head of the organisation's information policy and economics team, in which he mainly focuses on the introduction and application of information technology and their implications for policy. In early 2008, he was also appointed head of RAND Europe's Brussels office.

Prince Constantijn is also Honorary Chair of the Prince Claus Fund, Chair of The Hague Process on Refugees and Migration, Chair of the Prince Bernhard Nature Fund and patron of the National Musical Instrument Fund.

### Prince Claus



Prince Claus was born Claus von Amsberg on 6 September 1926, in Dötzingen (Hitzacker), Niedersachsen. He studied at the University of Hamburg, in the Faculty of Law and Political Science (1948–1956), after which he worked at the German embassy to the Dominican Republic and as chargé d'affaires to the Republic of the Ivory Coast. From 1963 to 1965, he worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bonn, in the Department of African Economic Relations.

After his marriage to Princess Beatrix in 1966, Prince Claus focused his efforts on development cooperation. He was appointed member of the National Advisory Council for Development Cooperation (*Nationale Adviesraad voor Ontwikkelingssamenwerking*, NAR), member of the Office of this Commission, Chair of the National Committee for Development Strategy (*Nationale Commissie voor de Ontwikkelingsstrategie*), a position he held from 1970 to 1980, and Special Advisor to the Minister of Development Cooperation. In 1984, he was appointed Inspector General of Development Cooperation.

To commemorate Prince Claus's seventieth birthday, the Prince Claus Fund for Culture and Development was established on the initiative of the Dutch government. The objective of the Fund is to enhance understanding of cultures and to promote interaction between culture and development. Prince Claus occupied the post of Honorary Chair.

His Royal Highness Prince Claus of the Netherlands passed away at the AMC university hospital in Amsterdam on 6 October 2002.

### Prince Claus Hall

ECDPM regards the naming of its central hall after H.R.H. Prince Claus as an enduring token of its enormous appreciation of all that he contributed to the development sector and especially for his influence on development policy and management. This legacy lives on today.

The Prince Claus Hall will be used on a daily basis for informal get-togethers and meetings, as well as for national and international conferences.