

# Press release: Change of Her Majesty's Consul General in New York

Antony Phillipson has been appointed Her Majesty's Consul General in New York and Director-General of International Trade North America. Antony will take up his appointment in mid-November 2017.

Sir Kim Darroch, Her Majesty's Ambassador to the United States said:

I am delighted to announce Antony Phillipson's appointment as Her Majesty's Consul General in New York. Antony served with me in No 10 Downing Street in the mid-2000s, and later as British High Commissioner to Singapore. Moreover, earlier in his career, he spent four years in Washington as our Counsellor on global economic policy. He is, in short, outstandingly well-equipped to serve Her Majesty's Government in one of the United States' most vibrant and dynamic regions and strengthen a vitally important economic and trade partnership with the US. I look forward eagerly to his arrival.

Antonia Romeo, Permanent Secretary at the Department for International Trade said:

Antony has an extensive background in trade promotion and trade policy, and will bring his unique experience and international insight to the role leading DIT in North America. I look forward to working closely with Antony in his role to further trade and investment ties between the UK and the USA and Canada.

As Consul General, Antony will lead the Government's work promoting UK economic, commercial, political and consular interests in New York and the surrounding area. As Head of International Trade in North America, Antony will lead trade and investment promotion and trade policy throughout the North American region.

Antony takes up his position at an important time, with the total UK-US trade in goods and services worth more than \$200 billion annually supporting more than a million jobs on each side of the pond. The US and UK are each other's largest foreign direct investors and trading partners.

Previously, Antony Phillipson was Director of Trade and Partnerships in the Department for Exiting the European Union. He has held a number of other posts in Her Majesty's Government since joining the Civil Service in 1993, including Counsellor in the Embassy in Washington, the Prime Minister's Private Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Head of the FCO Iran Coordination Group and High Commissioner to Singapore.

Antony has a degree in Modern History from the University of Oxford. He is married to Julie and they have three sons.