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Ambassador Thomas Zahneisen started his current posting in New York in March 2022. Before coming to New York, he served as Director for Humanitarian Assistance in the Federal Foreign Office (FFO) in Berlin following his role as Head of Division for Crisis Prevention, Stabilization, Peacebuilding and Mediation from 2015 to 2017.

Ambassador Zahneisen has combined nearly ten years of experience working in a diplomatic capacity with the regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. He headed the Foreign Office's Task Force on Afghanistan/Pakistan (2014-2015), served as Deputy Head of the German Embassy in Kabul from 2010 to 2012, and as Civilian Head of the Provincial Reconstruction Team in Feyzabad from 2007 to 2008.

He worked as Deputy for the FFO's Foreign Policy Planning Unit and as German exchange diplomat in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Paris (UN Security Council team). Other postings abroad led him to the Democratic Republic of Congo, to the German Mission to the UN in New York, as well as the German Embassy in Kigali, Rwanda.

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