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## **Nicola LENER**

### **Ambassador designate of Italy in Australia**

Nicola Lener was born in 1968 in Cagliari and graduated in Law in 1990.

He joined the Italian diplomatic service in 1993 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI).

He has been Ambassador designate to Australia since January 2026. He comes from the role of Coordinator for Rule of Law Diplomacy at MAECI, where he worked to promote Italy's international model in combating corruption and organized crime.

Previously, he served at the Prime Minister's Office as Head of the Task Force for the Italian Presidency of the G7 in 2024, overseeing the organization of the Summit of Heads of State and Government, ministerial meetings, and all activities included in the Presidency's program.

His international postings include serving as Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates in Abu Dhabi (2019–2022), Minister Counsellor at the Embassy in Ottawa (2010–2014), Consul General in Casablanca (2006–2010), and Head of the Economic Sections at the Embassies in Lima (1997–2001) and Amman (2001–2004).

At MAECI, he also held roles within the Directorate General for Promotion (2014–2019), first as Head of the Business Internationalization Office and later as Deputy Director General responsible for Economic Promotion. Earlier in his career, he served at the Directorate General for Italians Abroad and Migration Policies, the Directorate General for Political Affairs, and the Diplomatic Protocol.

He is an Official Knight of the Order of Merit of the Republic.

Married with four children, he is fluent in English, French and Spanish.