



**World Affairs Council of Charlotte Table Purchase**  
 Ambassadors Circle Series Program  
 H.E. Francisco Duarte Lopes, Ambassador of Portugal to the United States



Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026  
 Hilton Charlotte Uptown  
**VIP Reception:** 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | **Lunch:** 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

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**Benefits of Underwriting an Ambassadors Circle Series Program:**

- ◆ Increase corporate visibility and promote brand
- ◆ Build, maintain and strengthen professional and client networks by inviting prospects, executives, clients, etc.
- ◆ High-level business and professional networking with leaders in the Charlotte community
- ◆ Learn about international affairs, global economy, and geopolitics from experts and world leaders
- ◆ Support international education in the Charlotte community

**H.E. Francisco Duarte Lopes Bio:**

- Ambassador of Portugal to the United States of America, June 2022
- Permanent Representative of Portugal to the UN, New York (2017-2022)
- Director-General for Foreign Policy (Political Director) (2014 - 2017)
- Director-General for European Affairs (2012 - 2014)
- Chief of Staff of the Secretary of State for European Affairs (2011-2012)
- Diplomatic advisor to the Prime Minister (2009 – 2011)
- Counsellor, Portuguese Permanent Representation to the EU, in Brussels (2005 – 2009)
- Secretary at the Embassies of Portugal in Islamabad (1993-1995) and Copenhagen (1995-2000)
- Admitted to the Portuguese Diplomatic Career in November 1988
  - Post-graduation in European Affairs, Faculdade de Direito de Coimbra, 1989
  - Law degree, Faculdade de Direito de Lisboa, 1986

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