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Alexander Verbeek is an independent advisor on global issues related to climate, security, water, food, energy and resources. Alexander works from Stockholm, Sweden and collaborates in many countries with governments, businesses, think tanks and civil society agencies to find connections between these issues and create solutions for the environmental, security, resource and demographic challenges of the 21st century.



Alexander has been working as a diplomat for the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1992 until 2016. His last position was Strategic Policy Advisor on Global Issues in the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Alexander studied Human Geography in Utrecht (MSc.), worked as a journalist and was an officer in the Royal Netherlands Navy before joining the MFA.

Alexander developed the Planetary Security Initiative and lead the team that prepared the first Planetary Security Conference in the Peace Palace in The Hague in November 2015. He is now the Chairman of the Board of Advisors of this initiative.

Since 2014 Alexander is a Yale World Fellow. In 2015 he became an Associate at the Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) and in 2016 he became an associate at the Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI). He is also a Visiting Fellow at the Peace and Conflict Department of Uppsala University. Alexander is often asked for public speaking or chairing international meetings. He is in the board of advisors of several international environmental initiatives and is on Twitter one of the most followed diplomats in the world (120,000 followers, @alex_verbeek). He ranks sixth in the Top-10 Climate Change Thought Leaders in the social media (<http://ow.ly/2bvpH8>)