

H.E Mr. Waheed Omer is the current Ambassador of Afghanistan to Italy. Mr. Omer was assigned as Afghanistan's Ambassador to Italy in January 2016. He submitted his credentials to the President of the Republic of Italy in June 2016. Prior to becoming Ambassador to Italy, Mr. Omer ran his own Communications and Public Relations firm in Kabul.



Mr. Omer resigned from the government in 2011 to help mobilize young Afghan politicians for the 2014 presidential elections. Before resigning from the government, he served as the Director of Communications and spokesperson for President of Afghanistan between 2009 and 2011. He was previously the Communications Campaign Director for President Karzai's successful reelection campaign in 2009. Prior to his stint as campaign Spokesperson, Mr. Omer was the Founding Director of the Government Media and Information Center, formed in 2009 to oversee communications between the Afghan government, Afghan citizens, and the international community. In that capacity, he also served as the Chief Spokesman of the Government of Afghanistan.

Waheed Omer was born and raised in Kabul. He has an undergraduate degree in International Studies and Diplomacy and later received a Chevening scholarship to attend the University of York in the United Kingdom where he received a Master of Arts degree in Political Science. At York, Mr. Omer focused on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Development. His MA thesis was on South Africa's post-apartheid transitional justice mechanisms.

Prior to his appointment as Afghan Government's Chief Spokesperson, Mr. Omer served the Government of Afghanistan in several high-level positions, including as the Deputy Director of the Cabinet Office (2007–2008), Director of Afghan Government's Monitoring and Evaluation Office, and the Chief Organizing Officer of the Afghanistan-Pakistan Peace Jirga. In 2003, Mr. Omer played an instrumental role in raising public awareness and consulting the people of Afghanistan on the new constitution of Afghanistan in his capacity as Chief of Public Education and Consultation of Afghanistan's Constitutional Commission. He also has a history of work with international and domestic non-government organizations.

Mr. Omer is a well-known public figure in Afghanistan. He has been in Afghan politics from young age as youth activist. He is an opinion holder on politics in Afghanistan and is interviewed by national and international media on issues pertaining Afghanistan. Mr. Omer speaks both the official languages of Afghanistan, Persian and Pashto as well as English, and is proficient in Urdu/Hindi and German. He is married and currently lives in Rome with his wife and two children.