

## Poland Delegation



Witold Dzielski was born in Cracow, Poland on 21 July 1977. Before assuming (April 28, 2022) current position in Ottawa, Ambassador Dzielski was for six years Director of the Bureau of International Policy at the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland. At the time he was responsible for the foreign activities of Poland's Head of State. 2013-2015 he served at the Foreign Ministry of the Republic of Poland as Chief Specialist, covering a broad range of transatlantic political issues. 2007-2012 he was posted at the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington D.C. His portfolio included EU-US relations as well as Polish-Jewish affairs.

Prior to joining the public service, Ambassador Dzielski was actively engaged in Poland's civic society organizations. Among others, he was President and founder of the US Matters Association, Office Director at the Pro Publico Bono Foundation, public relations representative for the Oswiecim Institute of Human Rights, lecturer at the Jagiellonian University, lecturer at the School of Banking and Management, and teacher at the High School of Fine Arts in Kraków. He is a published author in the area of international relations, as well as fiction (fantasy).

In his free time, he enjoys sports (Aikido black belt, formerly long time captain of a basketball team). For his professional achievements he was awarded the Knight's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta (2022), Commander of Makarios III (2021), Commander of the Star of Romania (2019), Commander of the Order of the Lion of Finland (2017). He has a wife and two sons.

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	Date	Time	Event	Location
			Arrival at YYC	YYC Airport
	Sunday, September 17th	16:00	Arrival at Mayors Reception	MacLeod Hall – Telus Convention Centre
	Sunday, September 17th	18:00	Arrival at Opening Ceremonies	Telus Convention Centre
	Monday, September 18th	17:30	Arrival at Ministerial Reception	Fairmont Palliser
	Monday, September 18th	17:45	White Hat Ceremony Minister Group Photo	Fairmont Palliser – Oval Room
	Monday, September 18th	18:00	Ministerial Reception Program Starts	Fairmont Palliser – Crystal Ballroom
	Tuesday, September 19th	17:15	Canada Night Event - Ticketed	Nutrien Western Event Centre
	Tuesday, September 19th	20:00	Arrive at Cirque de Soleil Event	Lot 6 – Stampede Park
	Thursday, September 21st	14:45	Closing Ceremonies	Big 4 Main Hall A&B
			Departure from YYC	YYC Airport

Legend	
Common Event	
Country Specific Event	

### **Protocol Tips: Poland**

As the liaison officer hosting the official delegation from Poland, you will require cultural sensitivity and respect. Here are some key considerations to keep in mind:

*Research and Preparation:* You will find the biography of the leader of your delegation in this Handbook. Please feel free to research the delegation's background, including the individuals' positions and roles. Understanding their specific interests and objectives will help you tailor your interactions effectively.

*Formal Greetings and Respect:* Address delegation members using appropriate titles and honorifics, such as "Pan" (Mr.) or "Pani" (Mrs./Ms). Handshakes are common in Polish culture, including between men and women. Be mindful of physical contact between genders, follow their lead. Begin meetings with a warm welcome and expressions of gratitude for their visit.

*Communication Styles:* Practice active listening and engage in open and patient communication. Maintain good eye contact during conversations to convey respect and engagement. Use a friendly and open body language to create a welcoming atmosphere.

*Protocol and Formalities:* Understand the delegation's rank and hierarchy to address members correctly. Be prepared for formal introductions and adhere to established protocols during meetings.

*Dress Code:* Dress professionally and modestly. Business attire is typically appropriate.

*Dining and Hospitality:* Given that meals such as the opening ceremonies are part of the program, inquire about any dietary restrictions or preferences within the delegation. While dietary inquiries were made as part of the delegate registration process the information provided may be incomplete.

*Privacy Concerns:* Always ask for permission before taking photographs, especially of delegation members, as privacy is important to Poles.

*Cultural Taboos:* Avoid discussions about sensitive historical or political topics.

### **Polish Language Tips**

The official language of Poland is Polish. Here are some common phrases that a Liaison Officer might find useful when interacting with Poles:

Hello - "Dzień dobry" (used during the day) or "Cześć" (informal)

Welcome - "Witaj" (informal) or "Witamy" (formal, plural)

Please - "Proszę"

Thank you - "Dziękuję"

Yes - "Tak"

No - "Nie"

Goodbye - "Do widzenia" (formal)