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Ambassador Dr. Vladimir Božović Appointed Chairman of the United World Leaders Global Consular Leadership Council

NEW YORK — September 14, 2026 — [United World Leaders](#) is pleased to announce the appointment of His Excellency Ambassador Dr. Vladimir Božović, Consul General of the Republic of Serbia in New York and President of the Society of Foreign Consuls in New York (SoFC), as Chairman of the United World Leaders Global Consular Leadership Council.



Ambassador Božović brings decades of experience in diplomacy, government, international cooperation, security, and human rights, together with a strong legal and academic background that has shaped his work in public service, diplomacy, and institution-building.

In June 2026, he was unanimously elected President of the Society of Foreign Consuls in New York, a more than century-old organization bringing together Consuls General and other senior consular representatives accredited in New York. His election marked the first time that a representative of Serbia has led this distinguished consular organization.

In his new role with United World Leaders, Ambassador Božović will lead the development of the Global Consular Leadership Council as an international platform bringing together leaders of consular corps and associations, Consuls General, Ambassadors, and other senior diplomatic representatives from around the world.

The Council will seek to strengthen international relations through dialogue, cooperation, and the exchange of best practices, while fostering mutual trust and understanding, supporting international economic cooperation and investment, and advancing practical initiatives that contribute to peace, stability, and shared prosperity.

“I am deeply honored by the trust placed in me and by the opportunity to work alongside distinguished colleagues from around the world to strengthen the role of modern consular diplomacy,” said Ambassador Božović.

“Consular diplomacy is often where international relations become most tangible — where nations meet people, communities, businesses, and one another. I believe that through dialogue, mutual respect, and practical cooperation, we can build stronger relationships, open new opportunities, and contribute to peace and shared prosperity.”

Distinguished Career in Diplomacy and Public Service

Ambassador Božović has held a number of senior diplomatic and governmental positions throughout his career.

Prior to assuming his current position as Consul General of the Republic of Serbia in New York, he served as Ambassador of the Republic of Serbia to Montenegro.

His senior public service has also included serving as State Secretary in the Ministry of Internal Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, as well as earlier positions as Assistant Minister of Internal Affairs and General Inspector of the Public Security Department.

Ambassador Božović also served as National Coordinator for Police and Human Rights of Serbia and Montenegro at the Council of Europe and has held other senior responsibilities involving international and regional cooperation and relations with religious communities.

His legal education and academic background have provided an important foundation for his public and diplomatic career. He earned his doctorate from the University of Belgrade’s Faculty of Security Studies and has applied his expertise in law, security, international relations, and public institutions throughout his professional life.

As President of the Society of Foreign Consuls in New York, Ambassador Božović stands at the center of one of the world’s most dynamic diplomatic communities, further strengthening his ability to connect consular and diplomatic leaders internationally.

About the Global Consular Leadership Council

The United World Leaders Global Consular Leadership Council is an international platform established to bring together leaders of consular corps and associations, Consuls General, Ambassadors, and other distinguished members of the diplomatic community.

The Council’s focus is to strengthen professional cooperation among consular leaders, facilitate the sharing of experience and best practices, and develop initiatives that contribute to international dialogue, economic cooperation, investment, peace, and broader social and economic development.

The Council will also encourage cross-sector engagement with leaders from government, business, investment, academia, philanthropy, science, technology, and civil society, with the goal of translating diplomatic dialogue into practical opportunities for international cooperation and measurable impact.

About United World Leaders

United World Leaders is an independent, nonpartisan nonprofit organization bringing together current and former Presidents, Prime Ministers, senior government and diplomatic dignitaries, and distinguished leaders from business, investment, philanthropy, academia, science, medicine, and civil society to advance meaningful and lasting positive impact, socioeconomic prosperity, international cooperation, and peace.

Through its Councils, initiatives, educational programs, events, publications, and global ecosystem, United World Leaders facilitates cross-sector collaboration and provides a distinctive institutional platform through which leaders can develop and lead initiatives, build strategic relationships, access relevant expertise and resources, turn ideas into action, and amplify their impact at regional, national, and global levels.

United World Leaders also supports the development of future generations of leadership through Young United World Leaders and related educational and mentorship initiatives.

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