



**The President of the Republic of Madagascar, Andry Rajoelina received, on February 10, 2021, the Letters of Credence of the new Ambassador of the United Kingdom, HE Mr. David William Ashley, at the Iavoloha State Palace**

The new Ambassador expressed his country's commitment to strengthen relations of friendship and cooperation between Madagascar and the United Kingdom. During of their meeting, President Andry Rajoelina and HE Mr. David William Ashley have reviewed the areas of cooperation that will be undertaken between the two countries, among others, in the fight against the effects of global warming and protection of endemic biodiversity in Madagascar.

United Kingdom has always been present to support the sustainable development projects of the Big Island. Also, the new Ambassador accredited to Madagascar reaffirmed its commitment to continue on this path.

**Who is HE Mr. David William Ashley ?**

Curriculum Vitae

Full name: David William Ashley

Married to: Mrs Sophari Ashley

Children: 1 son



Mr David Ashley has been appointed Her Majesty's Ambassador to the Republic of Madagascar and Her Majesty's Non-Resident Ambassador to the Union of the Comoros in succession to Dr Phil Boyle. Mr Ashley will take up his appointment during December 2020

Year	Role
2018 to 2020	FCO, Deputy Head (for Syria and Iraq), Near East Department
2017 to 2018	Dhaka, Deputy High Commissioner
2014 to 2016	Kabul, Political Counsellor
2011 to 2014	FCO, Head - Levant Team, Near East Department
2009 to 2011	Colombo, First Secretary - Regional Conflict Advisor (South Asia)
2006 to 2009	Nairobi, First Secretary - Regional Conflict Advisor (Central and East Africa)
2004 to 2006	FCO, Head, Justice and Rule of Law Team, Conflict Issues Group
2002 to 2004	Belgrade, Second Secretary - Political
1999 to 2001	FCO, International Criminal Court Desk Officer, War Crimes Section, UN Department

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