

Biography of H.E. Ms Ségolène Royal, President of COP21/CMP11

H.E. Ms Ségolène Royal, Minister of Environment, Energy and the Sea, in charge of International Relations on Climate

H.E. Ms Ségolène Royal was born in Dakar (Senegal) on 22 September 1953. She has been in her current ministerial posting since April 2014. She was Minister Delegate for Family Affairs, Childhood and Disability (March 2000 - May 2002), Minister Delegate for School Education (June 1997 - March 2000), and Minister for the Environment (April 1992 - March 1993). She was President of the Poitou-Charentes Region from April 2004 to May 2014 and was a member of the French Parliament for the Deux-Sèvres department numerous times between 1988 and 2007. She was the runner-up for the 2007 presidential election, the first woman in France to be nominated as a presidential candidate by a major party. Minister Royal was also Vice-President and Spokeswoman for the Banque publique d'investissement (French Public Investment Bank), Vice President of Socialist International, and was an advisor to French President François Mitterrand from 1982-1988. Minister Royal attended the Ecole Nationale d'Administration and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris, and holds a degree in economics. She has written several books.