

Curriculum Vitae

Qian TANG, PhD

Qian TANG, born on 8 December 1950 in Beijing (China), has served as Assistant-Director General for Education of UNESCO since April 2010. He joined the Organization in 1993.

Dr Tang heads UNESCO's Education Sector, which includes around 400 staff at Headquarters, field offices and the seven education Institutes. He is leading the Sector to carry out the task of global/regional coordination and monitoring of the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 4 on education. In the course of his term as Assistant Director-General for Education, Dr Tang has assumed parallel duties. Since November 2016, he is Director ad interim of Human Resources Management, driving forward the revisions of human resources policies to improve the Organization's management. From September 2015 to July 2016, he was Officer-in-Charge of the Bureau of Strategic Planning, having led the presentation of the Organization's Programme and Budget document (38C/5) at the 38th session of General Conference.

Dr Tang previously served as Deputy Assistant Director-General for Education (2005–2009) and Director of the Executive Office in the Education Sector (2001–2009), responsible for the coordination of the Sector's strategic planning, implementation, finance and budgeting as well as human resources. As Director of the Division of Secondary, Technical and Vocational Education from 2000 to 2001, he led programme activities on general secondary education, science and technology education as well as technical and vocational education. Prior to assuming this role, he was at the Section for Technical and Vocational Education, first as a Senior Programme Specialist (1993 –1996) and later as Chief of the Section (1996-2000).

Before joining UNESCO, Dr Tang spent eight years working in a number of posts at the national and provincial level in China. From 1992 to 1993, he was Deputy Director-General in the Bureau of Science and Technology of the Shaanxi Provincial Government in Xi'an. He also served at the Chinese Ministry of Education's Department of Vocational and Technical Education in Beijing, first as Director of the Division on Policy, Planning and Cooperation (1989-1991) and later as the Assistant Director-General of the Department (1991-1992).

Dr Qian Tang started his career in the mid-1970s as a secondary school teacher in Shanxi Province (China). In 1985, he was posted to the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa

(Canada) where he served until 1989 as First Secretary, responsible for promoting academic cooperation between Canadian and Chinese universities.

Dr Tang holds a PhD in Biology (1987) and a Master in Human Kinetics (1982) from the University of Windsor (Canada) as well as a Bachelor of Education (1976) from Shanxi University, Taiyuan (China).

He is married and has a daughter.