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Executive Summary

A senior diplomatic and protocol affair professional with more than fifteen years of extensive experience across governmental, diplomatic, and international engagement environments. My career reflects a strong integration of diplomatic protocol expertise, institutional governance, digital transformation leadership, and strategic communications within the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs. I have consistently led high-impact initiatives that enhanced service efficiency, strengthened intergovernmental integration, and elevated diplomatic service standards in alignment with international best practices.

Throughout my professional journey, I have played a central role in reshaping residency identity and diplomatic visa services through large-scale automation and process reengineering. I led the design and implementation of fully digital diplomatic visa models that reduced processing timelines from several days to less than two hours, while reinforcing regulatory compliance, governance frameworks, and data integrity. These initiatives significantly improved service delivery outcomes for foreign missions, international organizations, and senior diplomatic stakeholders operating within the Kingdom.

In parallel, I have represented the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in high-level diplomatic coordination forums, including ambassadorial consultations and accreditation processes. My role ensured strict adherence to diplomatic protocols while facilitating seamless coordination between foreign missions and Saudi governmental entities. I am recognized for balancing procedural rigor with diplomatic sensitivity, ensuring both institutional compliance and operational efficiency.

Complementing my governmental leadership, I bring a strong foundation in media operations, strategic communications, and public affairs developed through senior roles in journalism and international communications agencies. This multidisciplinary background enables me to operate effectively at the intersection of diplomacy, communication strategy, and institutional representation, allowing me to navigate complex political and organizational environments with clarity, credibility, and authority.

Who is Abdulaziz Aloraini?

A senior diplomatic affairs professional specializing in protocol management, diplomatic visas, and institutional coordination within governmental and international environments. I have held multiple leadership roles within the Saudi Ministry of Foreign Affairs, where I led operational, regulatory, and digital transformation initiatives serving foreign missions and international organizations.

Recognized for managing sensitive diplomatic processes, representing institutions at senior levels, and ensuring full compliance with international diplomatic conventions and host-country regulations. My experience spans diplomatic missions, governmental policy planning, and inter-agency coordination.

Possess extensive expertise in media, strategic communications, and stakeholder engagement. This background enables me to deliver integrated solutions that align diplomatic protocol, institutional governance, and communication effectiveness.

KEY SELECTION CRITERIA (KSC)

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- I bring extensive expertise in diplomatic protocol, consular affairs, and visa governance, including oversight of residency identities, diplomatic accreditation processes, and compliance with international conventions and host-country regulations.
- I have demonstrated proven leadership in institutional transformation and digital service automation, successfully redesigning workflows, implementing e-government solutions, and significantly enhancing operational efficiency and service delivery standards.
- I possess strong capabilities in high-level stakeholder engagement, including coordination with ambassadors, international organizations, government entities, and senior leadership, fostering trusted relationships that support diplomatic effectiveness and institutional credibility.

— Areas of Key Emphasis —

- Diplomatic Protocol
- Consular Affairs Management
- Diplomatic Visa Governance
- Residency Identity Administration
- Government Digital Transformation
- Institutional Governance
- Intergovernmental Coordination
- Ambassadorial Accreditation
- International Organizations Liaison

Professional Experience

Director of Residency Identity and Diplomatic Affairs for Foreign Missions |

Protocol Affairs Agency | Ministry of Foreign Affairs

06/2025 – now

- I led strategic integration between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the National Information Center through the automation of 15 critical services related to diplomatic residency identities and visas, resulting in comprehensive process reengineering and improved operational efficiency.
- I directed the design and launch of the electronic diplomatic visa model for foreign missions and international organizations, reducing issuance time from five working days to less than two hours while strengthening governance and service quality.
- I represented the Ministry in policy coordination related to diplomatic visas and residency identities, including participation in ambassadorial consultation committees through accreditation and credential presentation stages.
- I oversaw end-to-end operational management of residency identities and visas for diplomatic missions, international organizations, and official delegations, including complex case resolution and regulatory compliance assurance.
- I managed institutional relationships with diplomatic missions, international organizations, and relevant Saudi government entities, enhancing integration and beneficiary experience.
- I supervised systems integration between Ministry platforms and external government systems to ensure data accuracy and continuity of technical connectivity.

Assistant Director of Residency Identity and Diplomatic Affairs for Foreign Missions |

Protocol Affairs Agency | Ministry of Foreign Affairs

04/2019 – 06/2025

- I led operational efficiency initiatives that increased monthly identity issuance capacity from 600 to 2,500 and reduced processing time from 25 to 10 working days through workflow redesign and execution optimization.
- I directed service governance reforms, including re-engineering visa procedures, developing approved procedural manuals, and strengthening institutional compliance frameworks.
- I chaired regular coordination meetings with diplomatic mission representatives and managed Ministry accounts with local partner entities.
- I supervised digital transformation initiatives, including the launch of a comprehensive platform converting paper-based workflows into fully digital processes.

Assistant Director of Organizational Planning and Development |

Policy Planning Agency | Ministry of Foreign Affairs

02/2015 – 04/2019

- I led the project to define and standardize job descriptions for more than 4,000 positions across the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, enhancing role clarity and strategic workforce alignment.
- I oversaw the design, update, and approval of organizational and functional structures to ensure alignment with strategic objectives and institutional transformation initiatives.
- I served as Secretary of the Permanent Committee for Diplomatic Corps Positions, coordinating committee operations across internal and external stakeholders.

Deputy Head of Consular Section |

Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in Sri Lanka | Ministry of Foreign Affairs

01/2011 – 02/2015

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Head of Editorial Production Unit |

Al-Riyadh Newspaper

09/2008 – 01/2011

- I contributed to daily editorial and production workflows.
 - I supervised preparation and editing of journalistic content in line with publishing policies and professional standards.
 - I managed political content production and coordinated workflows between editorial and design teams.
 - I oversaw documentation and archiving using specialized editorial systems.
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Education and Credentials

Bachelor's Degree in Journalism and Public Relations from Imam Muhammad ibn Saud Islamic University, awarded in 2007

My academic background provided a strong foundation in media ethics, strategic communication, public relations management, and institutional messaging, which I later integrated into my professional work across diplomacy, protocol, and governmental communication environments.

Training and Development

Smart and Creative Communication – HDTC, Milan, Italy (August 2023)

Digital Diplomacy – Prince Saud Al-Faisal Institute for Diplomatic Studies, Riyadh (January 2021)

Public Diplomacy – Prince Saud Al-Faisal Institute for Diplomatic Studies, Riyadh (January 2021)

Leadership Program – HDTC, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (February 2019)

Strategic Planning – HDTC, Dubai, United Arab Emirates (December 2018)

E-Diplomacy and Cybersecurity – United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), Geneva (October 2017)

National Security – Naif Arab University for Security Sciences, Riyadh (March 2017)

International Protocol and Diplomatic Etiquette – European School of Protocol, London, United Kingdom (November 2016)

Diplomatic Protocol – European School of Protocol, London, United Kingdom (October 2016)

Performance Management – Institute of Public Administration, Riyadh (January 2015)

Workforce Planning – Institute of Public Administration, Riyadh (February 2015)

Leadership Program – Institute of Public Administration, Riyadh (January 2015)

Professional Achievements & Institutional Recognition

- Letter of Appreciation – Ambassador of the Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques to the Republic of Korea (October 2017)
- Letter of Appreciation – Ambassador of Switzerland to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (September 2021)
- Letter of Recognition – Director of Political and Military Relations, U.S. Military Training Mission (July 2023)
- Letter of Appreciation – Ambassador of the State of Kuwait to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (June 2023)

Personality

Able “to handle multiple tasks on a daily basis” | Sense of humor | Cohesion & Clarity | Confidence | Open-Mindedness | Hardworking | Energetic | Flexible