

Francois Rogers

Francois Rogers was born in South Africa.

After completion of his tertiary education, he commenced his working career at the Parliament of South Africa, working closely with a number of political leaders shaping the South African political landscape shortly after the country's first democratic elections. Two years later, he was appointed as Private Secretary to the Minister of Provincial Affairs and Constitutional Development and was thereafter promoted to Chief of Staff in the Ministry of Environmental Affairs and Tourism, forming a key part of the team involved in the preparation and negotiations before and during the World Summit on Sustainable Development and the 5th World Parks Congress.

After the 2004 elections, he was tasked to formulate and implement an (ultimately successful) International Lobbying Strategy for South Africa's nomination as President of the World Conservation Union (IUCN) based at Gland (Geneva), Switzerland. More recently he was responsible for the development and implementation of a model for enhancing Environmental Reporting by blue chip companies on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange in order to facilitate the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals by South Africa.

He is currently Project Coordinator for the Seed Initiative, housed at the World Headquarters in Gland, Switzerland.