



SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER
OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM OF RHODES AND MALTA

PERMANENT OBSERVER MISSION TO THE UNITED NATIONS OFFICE
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN NEW YORK



Felipe Victoria-Grueso
Counsellor

Felipe Victoria-Grueso was appointed to the Permanent Observer Mission of the Sovereign Order of Malta to the United Nations in 2018 with a focus on the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals, as well as social, humanitarian, and women's issues.

He has a Spanish law degree and two master's degrees, one in diplomacy and international relations from the Diplomatic School of Spain, and the other in international trade and business management from a joint program between the Menendez Pelayo International University of Spain and the Spanish Ministry of Economy.

He combines his work on the Permanent Mission with being the Senior Manager for International Policy of Ocean Conservancy, where he leads the work of this impactful organization in the multilateral fora, and in its relationships with foreign governments. Previously, he was the UN Policy and Institutional Relations Officer at the Delegation of the Basque Government in New York City. Here, he served as the expert and focal point with the Permanent Mission of Spain to the UN for policy and work coordination, as well as the lead officer of the relationship with the UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and other Funds and Programmes.

Mr. Victoria-Grueso is an active member of the Order, having served first in Auxiliary positions, and now volunteering actively in the different humanitarian activities in New York City including food and outreach for homeless people through the Malta Walks program, and at the Terence Cardinal Cooke Healthcare Center particularly during Thanksgiving and Christmas season. He is also a member of the organizing committee of the White Cross Ball in New York, which helps raise funds for the Holy Family Hospital in Bethlehem, Malteser International Americas, and the International Summer Camp for the Disabled.