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Rabbi David Rosen, former Chief Rabbi of Ireland, is the International Director of Interreligious Affairs of the American Jewish Committee and Director of AJC's Heilbrunn Institute for International Interreligious Understanding. He is a past chairman of IJCIC, the International Jewish Committee for Interreligious Consultations.

He is a member of the Chief Rabbinate of Israel's delegation for Interreligious Dialogue; and serves on the Steering Committee of the Council of Religious Leaders in Israel.

He is an International President of the World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP), the all-encompassing world inter-faith body; Honorary President of the International Council of Christians and Jews (ICCJ); a member of the Executive of the World Council of Religious Leaders as well as the Elijah Interfaith Institute's Board of World Religious Leaders; and is a trustee of the Coexist Foundation. He has served as a member of the Executive Committee of the World Congress of Imams and Rabbis and as a member of the Executive Committee of the World Economic Forum's Council for promoting relations and cooperation between the Muslim and Western worlds.

In 2012, he was appointed as the only Jewish member of the Board of Directors of the King Abdullah International Center for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, established by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and the governments of Austria and Spain together with the Vatican.

Rabbi Rosen was a member of the Bilateral Commission of the State of Israel and the Holy See that negotiated the Fundamental Agreement between the two, leading to the establishment of full bilateral relations in 1994.

In November 2005, Pope Benedict XVI made Rabbi Rosen a Knight of the Order of St Gregory the Great for his contribution to promoting Catholic-Jewish reconciliation; and in 2010 he was made a CBE (Commander of the British Empire) by H.M. Queen Elizabeth II for his contributions to interfaith relations.

Born and educated in the UK, he pursued his advanced rabbinic studies in Israel where he received his rabbinic ordination. He served in the Israeli Defense Forces and was chaplain to the Israeli Defense Forces in West Sinai in 1972.

The following year he went out to South Africa to serve as the Jewish students' chaplain. From 1975 to 1979, he was the Senior Rabbi of the largest Jewish congregation in South Africa and rabbinic judge on the Cape Ecclesiastical Court (Beth Din). He was also founder/chairman of the Inter-Faith Forum, the Council of Jews, Christians and Muslims.

From 1979 to 1985, he served as Chief Rabbi of Ireland where he founded, together with the Christian Primates of Ireland, the Irish Council of Christians and Jews. He was a member of the Academic Council as well as lecturer at the Irish School of Ecumenics.

He returned to Israel in 1985 to take up the appointment of Dean at the Sapir Center for Jewish Education and Culture in the Old City of Jerusalem; and he was professor of Jewish Studies at the Jerusalem Center for Near Eastern Studies.

He served as the ADL's liaison to the Vatican and then as Director of the ADL's Israel office from 1997 to 2001.