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Brief Biographical Sketch

Dr. Butler is the United Nations ECOSOC representative for the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences (an NGO in General Consultative status). He served as the Honorary Consul General of the Russian Federation in Utah (2000-2016) and as Associate Vice President of International Affairs & Diplomacy at Utah Valley University until retiring in 2016.

Dr. Butler is a former executive of the Boeing Corporation, an executive in the Reagan Administration and the United States Senate. He has been a business owner, President and CEO of corporations in the United States and Canada.

Dr. Butler is the former president of the Utah Consular Corps and received an Honorary Doctorate from the Kyrgyz National University; three medals of merit for service from the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs; the Vladimir Vernadsky Badge & Diploma from the Russian Academy of Natural Sciences; the 2016 Distinguished Service Award from the LDS International Society; and the Silver Beaver award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Dr. Butler received the Bachelors and Masters Degrees (B.A., M.A.) from the University of Oregon and the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) from the University of Arizona. He and his late wife Danielle have 7 children and 38 grandchildren. Danielle was the Honorary Consul General of the Kyrgyz Republic.