**Biography of Arda Gerkens**



Full name: Ardina (Arda) Meinoutje Vera GERKENS

Place of birth: Naarden, Netherlands

Date of birth: 5 June 1965

Residence: Haarlem, Netherlands

Member of Senate: since 14 May 2013

Gender: Female

Parliamentary Party: Socialist Party

**Arda Gerkens is Vice-President of the Senate** since July 2019 and **member of the following committees and interparliamentary delegations:**

* Economic Affairs and Climate / Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality
* Kingdom Relations
* Public Health, Welfare and Sport
* [Dutch Group at the Interparliamentary Union](https://www.houseofrepresentatives.nl/members_of_parliament/committees/ipu)
* Dutch Delegation of the Benelux Interparliamentary Assembly
* Interparliamentary Committee of the Dutch Language Union

## Education:

* Amsterdam University of Applied Sciences, Post-HBO Organisation, Policy & Management, 1995
* New Teacher Training Course (Vrije Leergangen), VU Amsterdam, in Dutch and Religious Education, 1990

**Career:**

* Managing Director Expertise Bureau Online Child Abuse (Dutch hotline), since 2015
* President of Dutch Association of Producers and Importers of image and sound carriers (NVPI), Dutch trade association for the entertainment industry, since 2020
* Chair of the IJsselmeer Transition Foundation, since 2015
* Member of the House of Representatives (Tweede Kamer) 2002-2010