

Mr. J. de Boer, President of VNO-NCW



Hans de Boer has been President of the business and employers' organisation VNO-NCW since July 1st, 2014. De Boer (59) is a former entrepreneur and supervisory director, who also managed to garner the requisite experience as part of the (Hague) entrepreneurs' lobby. He was Chairman of MKB-Nederland for the period 1997-2003.

Hans De Boer was supervisory director and consultant to various organisations in the decade preceding his appointment in the VNO-NCW. Among others, he was Chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Sperwer Group (supermarkets) and ArboNed, supervisory director at Siemens Nederland and Greenport Ontwikkelingsmaatschappij (Greenport Development Company).

As Chairman of the Youth Unemployment Task Force he initiated the reintroduction of (technical) vocational schools/MTS (senior secondary technical schools) in the Netherlands, which has now grown to a chain of around 100 'Technical schools'.

In the more distant past, Hans de Boer was founder and director-majority shareholder of the Bureau Economische Argumentatie (Economic Research and Policy Consulting), which he later sold to KPMG.

As Chairman of VNO-NCW, he is vice-chairman of the SER (Dutch Social and Economic Council).

Hans de Boer studied economics, specialising in Econometrics and Public Finance, at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

He is married and has two children.