

## BIO-NOTE OF ALAN DOSS

### Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations In the Democratic Republic of the Congo



**Alan Doss** has spent his entire professional life in the service of the United Nations working on peacekeeping, development and humanitarian assignments in Africa, Asia and Europe as well as at United Nations Headquarters in New York.

He is currently the **Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations in Democratic Republic of the Congo** and Head of the UN peace keeping mission (MONUC) with the rank of Under Secretary General. MONUC is the UN's largest peace operation. The Mission is deeply engaged in the peace process in the Congo and providing security support to the country as it seeks to end armed conflict in the war torn eastern part of the Congo. Throughout the country the Mission is promoting human rights, the protection of women and children, reform of state institutions and the holding of democratic elections.

Immediately prior to his assignment to the DRC, he was the **Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations in Liberia** and head of the UN peace keeping mission (UNMIL), also with the rank of Under Secretary General. The UN mission provided extensive security and political support for the 2005 national elections in Liberia, which resulted in the election of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf as Africa's first female elected head of state. Following the elections Mr. Doss worked very closely with the new Administration on national recovery and reconstruction including the ground breaking governance and economic programme (GEMAP).

Mr. Doss had previously served as the Principal **Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Côte d'Ivoire** where he coordinated the work of the United Nations Peacekeeping Mission (ONUCI) in the areas of human rights, rule of law, civilian police and management.

His previous post was as **Deputy Special Representative in the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone** (UNAMSIL) and concurrently United Nations Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative where he provided oversight for the reintegration of war affected populations, UN support for the disarmament program, restoration of state authority, governance reform and the national recovery program. His appointment, following on the recommendations of the Brahimi Panel on UN peace operations in late 2000, was aimed at strengthening the effectiveness of such operations through better coordination of UN peace keeping, humanitarian and development activities in country.

Until his appointment in Sierra Leone Mr. Doss held the position of **Director of the United Nations Development Group (UNDG)**, which was set up by Secretary General Kofi Annan to strengthen coordination among the UN organizations dealing with development under the leadership of the Administrator of UNDP. He managed the design and implementation of reforms aimed to improve the performance of UN operational activities around the world. During that period he worked also on the follow-up to the UN global conferences of the nineties, which led at the end of the decade to the Millennium Development Goals.

Prior to his UNDG assignment, he was **Director of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) European Office** in Geneva, Switzerland, where he was charged with strengthening UNDP's outreach and fund raising work in Western Europe, focusing on UNDP's advocacy for human development. He concurrently represented the UNDP at the **Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the OECD** in Paris where he was member of the group that drew up the DAC's landmark study on conflict, peace and development cooperation in 1997.

Mr. Doss had previously served as **United Nations Resident Coordinator and Regional Representative of the UNDP in Bangkok, Thailand**. At the same time, he was Director of the **United Nations Border Relief Operation (UNBRO)**, in charge of United Nations assistance to hundreds of thousands of displaced Cambodians on the Thai-Cambodia border.

During this period he was also the UN representative to the **Mekong River Committee** that manages South East Asia's greatest river network and was part of the negotiating team that restructured the institution into an inter-governmental commission with the re-admission of Cambodia to the group.

Earlier appointments included posts as UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative in **Benin** and the **Democratic Republic of Congo** responsible for UN operational activities in those countries. In 1979, he was appointed as **Deputy Resident Representative of UNDP** in **China** opening of the first international development cooperation program and office in that country. In 1977 he had developed the first UNDP cooperation program for **Vietnam**.

Other country assignments included **Niger** and **Kenya** and at UNDP Headquarters in New York where he served in the Africa and Asia regional offices and in the Management Bureau.

Alan Doss was born and brought up in Cardiff, Wales in the UK. He graduated from the London School of Economics. He is married to **Soheir Doss**. They have three daughters and a granddaughter.

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