



**Lebohang Kenneth Moleko**  
**Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General - Asmara**



Appointed Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General (DSRSG) with the rank of Assistant Secretary General, Dr Lebohang Kenneth Moleko assumed duty at the Asmara Headquarters of the UN Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) in September 2006.

Before joining the Mission, this career diplomat was the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Lesotho to the United Nations from 2001 to 2005. While serving in that capacity, he was also President of the UNICEF Executive Board in 2004. He had earlier served in 2003 as Vice-President of the Board, representing the African region. Ambassador Moleko also represented Southern Africa as Alternate Council Member at the Global Environment Facility.

While serving in New York, he was also co-accredited to the Republic of Cuba. After leaving Lesotho's diplomatic mission in the UN, he worked in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia as a Consultant with the UNICEF Liaison Office to the African Union.

Spanning more than a decade, Ambassador Moleko's diplomatic career began in 1994 when he was appointed Lesotho's envoy to the People's Republic of China. He is particularly credited with reopening Lesotho's Embassy in Beijing and forging very close Sino-Lesotho ties.

While in Beijing, Ambassador Moleko was co-accredited to several countries in Asia until 1999 when he was posted to Washington DC as Lesotho's Ambassador to the United States. His tour of duty in Washington DC lasted two years (1999-2001), during which period he was also co-accredited to the Republic of Mexico.

Ambassador Moleko, who holds a Doctorate Degree in Physics from the University of Ottawa, Canada is also a respected academic and physicist. Prior to taking up diplomacy, he was Associate Professor of Physics and Head of Department at the National University of Lesotho (NUL), where he marshalled the expansion of the Physics Department. He was also a Research Associate at the University of Western Ontario in Canada, and has authored many scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals. Recognized as a Professional Physicist (P. Phys.), he is a member of the Canadian Association of Physicists (CAP), and a life member of the American Physical Society (APS).

During his tenure in Washington, Ambassador Moleko took an interest in Conflict Management and, in January 2000, obtained an Advanced Certificate in Conflict Management at the Center for International Development and Conflict Management (CIDCM) of the University of Maryland. He is an Academic Associate of the CIDCM, where he has given several lectures and seminars.

Ambassador Moleko was born on 12 October 1950 in Maseru. He is married, and a father of four children.