

## BIOGRAPHIES

### HIGH LEVEL POLICY DIALOGUE (DAY ONE)

26 May 2022 — 9:00-11:20am (EST)



**H.E. MR. ANTÓNIO GUTERRES**

United Nations Secretary-General

H.E. Mr. António Guterres is the ninth Secretary-General of the United Nations, has had a long and varied career in public service rooted in one overarching imperative: to promote human dignity for all. Whether working as a volunteer in the poor neighbourhoods of Lisbon or representing his constituency in the Portuguese parliament, and from his years as Prime Minister to his service as United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Guterres has sought to ease suffering, protect the vulnerable and ensure human rights for all. These priorities have remained at the core of his efforts today as Secretary-General of the United Nations. Since taking office January 2017, he has worked to promote peace, advance prevention, combat hatred and mobilize ambition in fighting the climate emergency and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. He has also recognized the need for the United Nations itself to be more innovative and effective, and has set in motion wide-ranging reforms to make full use of new technology and to enhance agility, transparency and accountability. He has also pressed to make the Organization more equal, including through gender parity -- with major milestones met well ahead of schedule -- and improved geographical representation. Mr. Guterres has proclaimed himself a proud multilateralist. "But international cooperation cannot be taken for granted", he has stressed; "We must prove its value by addressing the real problems people face". António Guterres was born in Lisbon in 1949 and graduated from the Instituto Superior Técnico with a degree in engineering. He is fluent in Portuguese, English, French and Spanish. He is married to Catarina de Almeida Vaz Pinto, Deputy Mayor for Culture of Lisbon, and has two children, a stepson and three grandchildren.



**H.E. MS. AMINA J. MOHAMMED**

United Nations Deputy Secretary-General

H.E. Ms. Amina J. Mohammed is the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations and Chair of the United Nations Sustainable Development Group. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Mohammed served as Minister of Environment of the Federal Republic of Nigeria where she steered the country's efforts on climate action and efforts to protect the natural environment. Ms. Mohammed first joined the United Nations in 2012 as Special Adviser to former Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon with the responsibility for post-2015 development planning. She led the process that resulted in global agreement around the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the creation of the Sustainable Development Goals. Ms. Mohammed began her career working on the design of schools and clinics in Nigeria. She served as an advocate focused on increasing access to education and other social services, before moving into the public sector, where she rose to the

position of adviser to four successive Presidents on poverty, public sector reform, and sustainable development. Ms. Mohammed has been conferred several honorary doctorates and has served as an adjunct professor, lecturing on international development. The recipient of various global awards, Ms. Mohammed has served on numerous international advisory boards and panels. She is the mother of six children and has two grandchildren.



**H.E. MONIQUE NSANZABAGANWA, Ph.D.**  
Deputy Chairperson, African Union Commission

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H.E. Dr. Monique Nsanzabaganwa is the Deputy Chairperson (DCP) for the African Union Commission. She is in charge of Administration and Finance and assists the Chairperson in the execution of his functions to ensure the smooth running of the Commission, and acts as the Chairperson in his absence.

Dr. Nsanzabaganwa holds a Ph.D. in Economics, and Honorary Doctorate of Commerce, University of Stellenbosch. She has over twenty years' experience developing and leading programs that drive financial inclusion and economic prosperity. Prior to her election she held senior positions in the Government of the Republic of Rwanda including Minister of State in charge of Economic Planning, Minister of Trade and Industry and Deputy Governor of the Central Bank. Dr. Nsanzabaganwa has supported various Gender Empowerment initiatives through her memberships in the Alliance for Financial Inclusion Gender committee, Women's World Banking African Advisory Council, the Graça Machel Trust Expert Group on women's financial inclusion and the digital economy in Africa, New Faces New Voices Rwanda chapter, Unity Club amongst others.

Dr. Nsanzabaganwa was elected by the 34th African Union Assembly for a four-year term renewable once. She is the first woman to hold the position of Deputy Chairperson of the African Union Commission.



**H.E. ABDULLA SHAHID**  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Maldives

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H.E. Abdulla Shahid, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Maldives, was elected to serve as President of the 76th session of the General Assembly. The election took place at United Nations Headquarters, in New York on 7 June 2021.

Abdulla Shahid is widely recognized as an exceptional politician and a seasoned diplomat, with a long and distinguished career serving in both the Government and legislature of Maldives.

Since his appointment as Minister for Foreign Affairs in 2018, for the second time, Mr. Shahid has worked incessantly to reposition Maldives as a responsible and respected member of the international community, by renewing previously strained relationships and building new ones, both in the bilateral and the multilateral domains. He has reinvigorated the country's efforts in the multilateral arena and led national efforts to rejoin the Commonwealth after a four-year hiatus.

Maldives also won the bid to host the 2023 Indian Ocean Island Games, after tireless lobbying efforts conducted under the leadership of Mr. Shahid. The Games will be the first-ever international multisport competition held in Maldives.

As a strong advocate for gender equality, he is credited with achieving gender parity among the country's diplomatic Heads of Missions for the first time, as well as in the country's foreign service.

Amid the ongoing coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic, Mr. Shahid has been one of the leading voices in the international arena highlighting the devastation caused by the global health crisis on the economies and societies of small island developing States. He has continuously drawn attention to the inherent economic vulnerabilities of small island developing States to external shocks and their limited ability to bounce back from disasters.

Mr. Shahid began his professional career as a foreign service officer in 1983 and rose through the ranks rapidly.

In 1993, he was promoted to the post of Director, International Affairs, with the responsibility of leading the Multilateral Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He attended all General Assembly sessions from 1987 to 1994, working tirelessly to bring the issue of small State security to the forefront of the United Nations. He was a negotiator at the Earth Summit held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992, and he actively participated in the World Conference on Human Rights held in Vienna in 1993.

As the Head of the International Organizations Department of the Ministry, Mr. Shahid also represented Maldives at several meetings of the Commonwealth, the Organization of Islamic Cooperation and the Movement of Non-Aligned Countries, among others. He also led the Maldives delegation at the twentieth Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in Uganda and the sixth Session of the Islamic Summit Conference in Senegal.

In 1995, he was appointed Executive Secretary (Chief of Staff) to the President in the President's Office.

He held that post for over 10 years, serving with a high degree of distinction and diligence and displaying strong administrative and organizational capabilities. In 2005, Mr. Shahid was appointed Minister of State for Foreign Affairs and, in 2007, Minister for Foreign Affairs for the first time.

During his first stint as Minister, Mr. Shahid advocated for a rights-based approach to climate change by making a submission to the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, under Human Rights Council resolution 7/23, on human rights and climate change. He drew attention to the direct and indirect effects of climate change on the enjoyment of a wide range of human rights, which reinvigorated the discourse on climate change and brought to light the multidimensional impacts of climate change. He also successfully steered the Ministry through a period of sweeping political change in Maldives, skillfully displaying a willingness to engage more widely with the international community and international human rights mechanisms.

Mr. Shahid's illustrious parliamentary career spanned 25 years, during which time he participated in, and oversaw, major legislative progress and reform. He was a Member of Parliament for five consecutive terms, from 1994 to 2018.

Following the adoption of the newly promulgated democratic Constitution in 2008 and the first multiparty parliamentary elections in 2009, Mr. Shahid became the first democratically elected Speaker of the People's Majlis in history, in his fourth

term as Member of Parliament. As Speaker, he energetically steered the work of the People's Majlis and managed to build consensus at a time when Maldives was undergoing a tumultuous period of democratic transition, in an exceedingly polarized political environment.

During his tenure as Speaker, Mr. Shahid served as the President of the conference of the Association of South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Speakers and Parliamentarians, from 2013 to 2014, and on the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, from 2012 to 2015. He also actively engaged with the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

As a leading voice of the Maldivian Democratic Party, Mr. Shahid adamantly advocated for political and judicial reform and was incarcerated for a short period for his relentless activism. As the Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee of the Party, as well as of the Joint Opposition coalition, he played a pivotal role in mobilizing international action against injustice, corruption and human rights violations in Maldives.

Mr. Shahid holds a master's degree in International Relations from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and completed his undergraduate degree in Political Science and Government at the University of Canberra.

Mr. Shahid is an accomplished poet and has a keen interest in astronomy. A sportsman from a young age, he enjoys badminton, cricket and football.

Born in Malé in May 1962, Mr. Shahid is married to Aishath Suiza. They have a daughter and two sons.



#### **H. E. AMBASSADOR COLLEN VIXEN KELAPILE**

Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations in New York

His Excellency Collen Vixen Kelapile was elected the seventy-seventh President of the Economic and Social Council on 23 July 2021. Ambassador Vixen Kelapile is currently the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Botswana to the United Nations in New York.

His Excellency Collen Vixen Kelapile has an accumulated career of 26 years in multilateral diplomacy, both as a government representative, intergovernmental expert and is also a former United Nations (UN) Secretariat staff member.

Before his appointment in 2018 as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN in New York, he was the Chief of Staff to the Executive-Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 2014 to 2018.

From 2013 to 2014, he served as the Deputy Director in the Department of Africa and the Middle East at the Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation of Botswana overseeing Central, East, North and West Africa as well as the Middle East.

He was elected by the UN General Assembly as a member of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) from 2004 to 2012, where he served for three consecutive 3-year terms amounting to 9 years.

During his tenure in the Committee, he served as Vice-Chair of the ACABQ for 3 years from 2008 to 2010 and subsequently as its Chair for 2 years from 2011 to 2012. Ambassador Kelapile was posted at the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Botswana in New York from 1998 to 2003, where he rose through diplomatic ranks from Second Secretary to level of Counsellor prior to his successful election to ACABQ in 2003.

As a member of the diplomatic staff of the Mission of Botswana in New York he was the delegate to the Administrative and Budgetary (or Fifth) Committee of the UN General Assembly for 6 years from 1998 to 2003. He was also delegate to other related bodies such as the Committee for Programmes and Coordination (CPC), which is a dual subsidiary Committee reporting to both the UN General Assembly and ECOSOC.

During his tenure at the Mission of Botswana in New York Ambassador Kelapile also simultaneously served as focal point on the Legal (or Sixth) Committee of the UN General Assembly, coinciding also with the time of the elaboration of the Rome Statute on the establishment of the International Criminal Court (ICC).

He served in the Bureau of the Fifth Committee as the Vice-Chair at the 55th Session of the General Assembly in 2000/2001, and subsequently as the Vice-Chair of the CPC at its 42nd Session in 2002. He was the Coordinator of the African Group of experts in the Fifth Committee from 2001 to 2003.

In conjunction with his present position as Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN in New York, he is also concurrently Botswana's Ambassador to Cuba and the High Commissioner to Jamaica, on a non-resident basis. Among his other most recent engagements and roles in the UN's intergovernmental processes in New York include serving as:

- Vice-President of UNDP/UNFPA/UNOPS Executive Board, 2019 Session.
- Chair of 59th Session of the Committee for Programme and Coordination, 2019.
- Co-Facilitator of the Alignment Process of the agendas of the UN General Assembly and ECOSOC during 74th Session of the Assembly, 2019/2020.
- Chair of Special Political and Decolonization (or Fourth) Committee during 75th Session of the UN General Assembly, 2020/2021.
- Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), 2021 Session.
- Co-Chair of the Group of Friends on the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) at the UN, 2021-2023.
- Co-Chair of the Joint Steering Committee of the African Group-CARRICOM Caucus (AfCAR) Collaboration Initiative at the UN, of which he is a co-founder together with the Permanent Representative of Grenada, 2020 – Present.

Ambassador Kelapile joined the Ministry of International Affairs and Cooperation in 1995 as Desk Officer for the UN, soon after graduating with a Bachelor's Degree (Political Science and Public Administration) from the University of Botswana in the same year.



Among other diplomatic career capacity-building and leadership development, Ambassador Kelapile also received professional diplomatic training at the Foreign Service Institute in New Delhi, India, in 1996. Ambassador Kelapile was Born in Maitengwe, Botswana, on 10 July, 1968. He is married with one son.



**MS. CRISTINA DUARTE**

United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser on Africa

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Ms. Cristina Duarte is the United Nations Special Adviser on Africa and Under-Secretary-General of OSAA since 1 August 2020. She is the strategic adviser to the Secretary-General on African Affairs, the focal point in UNHQ for relations with the AUDA-NEPAD as well as the African Group with regard to Africa's development. As the head of OSAA, she supports the Secretary-General in promoting coherence in the UN system's engagement in Africa and chairs the Inter-Departmental Task Force on African Affairs (IDTFAA), and advocates and mobilizes the United Nations, its Member States and other key stakeholders around Africa's transformative vision articulated in the 2030 and 2063 Agendas.

Prior to joining the UN, Ms. Duarte served as Cape Verde's Minister of Finance and Planning for 10 years. She has also served as Director of a World Bank reform program and Vice President of Citibank giving her a valuable exposure on the functioning of international finance systems. When Ms. Duarte left Government in 2016, she was invited to governance and advisory positions in various international and regional organizations; namely, Member of the United Nations Committee of Experts on Public Administration, Member of the United Nations High-Level Advisory Board on Economic and Social Affairs, a Member of President Paul Kagame's Advisory Committee on African Union Reforms, a Member of the Board of the Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa (AGRA) and a Member of the Board of the Institute of African Leadership for Sustainable Development (UONGOZI Institute). Mrs. Duarte is committed to public service.



**DR. AGNES KALIBATA**

President, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa

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Dr. Kalibata joined AGRA as its President in September 2014. She leads the organization's efforts with public and private partners to ensure a food secure and prosperous Africa through rapid, inclusive, sustainable agricultural growth, improving the productivity and livelihoods of millions of smallholder farmers in Africa.

Under Dr. Kalibata's leadership, AGRA is working to increase the incomes and improve food security for 30 million farming households in 11 African countries by 2021 through targeted investments to strengthen 3 core areas: State capability and policies; input delivery systems in agriculture; and partnerships for inclusive agricultural growth

Prior to joining AGRA, Dr. Kalibata was Rwanda's Minister of Agriculture and Animal Resources (MINAGRI) from 2008 to 2014, where she drove programs that moved her country to food security helping to lift more than a million Rwandans out of poverty.

Dr. Kalibata sits on various boards, councils and commissions including the Global Commission on Adaptation, the Global Agenda Council of the World Economic

Forum, the Malabo-Montpellier Panel, the Food and Land Use (FOLU) Coalition, the Architecture for REDD+ Transactions (ART), the International Fertilizer Development Corporation (IFDC), Bioversity International, and Africa Risk Capacity, among others.

She has a distinguished record of accomplishment as an agricultural scientist, policy maker and thought leader. She served as the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the 2021 Food Systems Summit, accelerating action to transform food systems around the world to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals. She was also awarded the Yara Prize, now the Africa Food Prize, in 2012, Honorary Doctorate from the University of Liège in 2018, and the National Academy of Sciences' Public Welfare Medal in 2019 for her work to drive Africa's agricultural transformation through modern sciences and effective policy thereby improving livelihoods of stallholder farmers. She holds a doctorate in Entomology from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.



**H.E. MR. OMAR HILALE**

Permanent Representative of Morocco to the United Nations

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Ambassador Omar Hilale was appointed Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations in New York in 14 April 2014. Prior to that, he was Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva.

Through his New York experience, Ambassador Hilale was Chair of the Third Committee of the General Assembly, in charge of social, humanitarian affairs and human rights issues.

He was Chair of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the strengthening of the role of the organization. He was also Vice-Chair of the 72nd Session of the General Assembly. He was Vice-President of the UN ECOSOC, as well as Chair of the humanitarian segment of ECOSOC for two consecutive cycles, in 2019 and 2020.

He was President of the UNICEF Executive Board in 2019. He was elected Vice-President of the same Board twice in 2020 and 2021.

He is currently Chair of the Central African Republic Configuration of the Peacebuilding Commission. He is also currently Chair of the Information Committee of the United Nations. Ambassador Hilale created and presides the Group of Friends against Terrorism. He joined the Foreign Ministry in 1974. His diplomatic career has also been marked with 30 years of direct experience with the UN. He served as Ambassador, Permanent Representative to the United Nations in Geneva from 2001 to 2005 and from 2008 to 2014. In this capacity he carried out several responsibilities, among which facilitator of the review process of the mechanism of the Universal Periodic Review within the five year review of the Human Rights Council. From 1982 to 1991, he served as a Counselor and First Secretary in Geneva.

Ambassador Hilale also served as Secretary-General in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation in Rabat from 2005 to 2008. He was Ambassador to Indonesia, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand between 1996 and 2001. He also held several positions in the Foreign Ministry, including that of Minister Plenipotentiary and member of the Office of the Secretary of State, from 1993 to 1996. From 1991 to 1993, Mr. Hilale headed the Ministry Section responsible for the United Nations

General Assembly and Security Council and International Organizations. Previously, he served as Second Secretary in Algiers, Algeria, from 1975 to 1976, first Secretary in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, between 1976 and 1979; and Deputy Ambassador in Monrovia, Liberia, from 1979 to 1980;

Mr. Hilale received a degree in political science from Mohammed V University in Rabat, Morocco, in 1974. He is married and has three children.



**MS. SUSAN NGONGI NAMONDO**

United Nations Resident Coordinator in Uganda

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United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres has appointed Susan Ngongi Namondo of Cameroon as the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Uganda, with the host Government's approval.

Ms. Ngongi Namondo has over 25 years of experience in development work, including 19 years leading development professionals in the areas of policy formulation and programme planning across four different United Nations agencies at the national, regional and headquarters levels. Within the Organization, she most recently served as the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Eritrea, after occupying other senior positions with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), including Representative to Ghana and Comoros, and Deputy Representative to Liberia. She also served the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD).

Prior to joining the United Nations, Ms. Ngongi Namondo worked with the International Plant Genetic Resources Institute (IPGRI), an international scientific organization, and global non-profits including Caritas Internationalis and Catholic Relief Services.

She holds bachelor's degrees in political science and in animal science from the University of Maryland, USA as well as master's degrees in public administration from Columbia University, USA and in animal health from the University of Reading, UK.



**H.E. JOSEFA LEONEL CORREIA SACKO**

Commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (ARBE) of the African Union Commission

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H.E. Josefa Leonel Correia Sacko, from Angola, was elected as the new commissioner for Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy, and Sustainable Environment (ARBE) of the African Union Commission. Mrs Sacko was the special adviser to the Minister of agriculture, assigned with the responsibility of advising on issues related to international cooperation both bilateral and multilateral. She was also elected the Secretary General of Interafrican coffee organization, with a special mandate to represent the economic interest of the 25 African Coffee producers, management of the Secretariat and present the recommendation.





#### **MARIA HELENA M.Q. SEMEDO**

Deputy Director-General

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Maria Helena Semedo, Deputy Director-General, is an economist and politician from Cape Verde. A leading expert in global development issues, she has worked in public service for over thirty years. Over the last decade, FAO has helped shape a new global narrative where agriculture is prominently recognized as a solution in addressing increasingly complex emerging issues – from transforming food systems to dealing with climate change.

Leading to deliver, Semedo promotes an integrated, inclusive approach, resulting in greater cross-sectoral engagement and stronger strategic partnerships, better positioning FAO in its role to promote a transition to sustainable food and agriculture systems. As part of the FAO Core Leadership Team, Semedo works to develop impactful initiatives such as the FAO Green Cities Action Programme and the corporate strategy for mainstreaming biodiversity across agricultural sectors, fostering multi-stakeholder dialogues that optimize the Organization's 75 years of technical expertise and experience, its global reach and innovative approaches, all contributing to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.

Before taking up her current duties in 2013, Ms Semedo gained valuable experience and insight in Africa, first as FAO Representative in Niger, then as Deputy Regional Representative for Africa and Sub-regional Coordinator for West Africa. Prior to her international career, she worked as an economist for the Cabo Verde Ministry of Planning and Cooperation before becoming Secretary of State for Fisheries, then in 1993 Minister for Fisheries, Agriculture and Rural Affairs – the first-ever woman Minister in her country. After serving as Minister for Tourism, Transportation and Marine Affairs from 1995-1998, she became Member of Parliament, a position she held until 2003.



#### **H.E. MR. KENNEDY GODFREY GASTORN**

Permanent Representative of Tanzania to the United Nations

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H.E. Prof. Kennedy Gastorn, is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, and Permanent Representative of the United Republic of Tanzania to the United Nations, New York.

Prior to his latest appointment, he served as the Secretary General, Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization (AALCO) (2016-2020), the intergovernmental organization with an observer status to the UN, based in New Delhi, India.

He previously served as the Professor of Laws at the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania where he also served as the Head of Department of Public Law, Associate Dean of School of Law, and the Director of Internationalization of the University of Dar es Salaam. He was also a Fulbright Visiting Research Professor/Scholar, State University of New York, Buffalo Law School, New York; and Visiting Professor of International Law, China Institute of Boundary and Ocean Studies (CIBOS) of Wuhan University, China.

He also worked as the National Coordinator, Development Partners' Basket Fund for Legal Sector Reform Working Group in Tanzania; Member, National Environmental Advisory Committee in the Vice President's Office, in Tanzania; and Officer

(Wissenschaftlicher Mitarbeiter), German Federal Parliament (Bundestag), Office of MdB Hartwig Fischer, CDU/CSU, in Berlin.

He is also a Honorary Fellow, Asian Institute of Alternative Dispute Resolution (AiADR), Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia; Advocate of the High Court of Tanzania; and Member of the Investment Support Programme for LDCs (ISP/LDCs) Steering Committee with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) (2020-2021).

He holds a Dr. jur. (Doktors der Rechte) from the University of Bayreuth, Germany, and the LL.M (Master of Laws) and LL.B (Bachelor of Laws) from the University of Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.



**H.E. MR. HAROLD ADLAI AGYEMAN**

Permanent Representative of Ghana to the United Nations

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Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Agyeman was the Director of Administration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration where he served between 2019 – 2021. He previously served as the Director of the African and Regional Integration Bureau of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Regional Integration between 2018 – 2019.

He had also previously served as the Director for Staff Training and Development Unit in the Administration Bureau between 2012-2014, in addition to other roles as a Foreign Service Officer in the Office of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, the International Organisations and Conferences Bureau, the Policy Planning and Research Bureau and the Finance and Accounts Bureau of the Ministry.

Harold's diplomatic career spans over two decades and includes missions to: (a) the Permanent Mission of Ghana to the United Nations in New York, 2000 – 2004; (b) the High Commission of Ghana to India, 2008-2011; and the Embassy of Ghana to Benin, 2014-2018. In both New Delhi and Cotonou, he had extended stints as Acting High Commissioner and Chargé d'Affaires respectively.

Ambassador Agyeman holds an advanced degree in international affairs, obtained from the Legon Centre for International Affairs, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science with Philosophy from the University of Ghana. He has also participated in several short-term training courses in areas such as diplomacy, peace and security, arbitration, regional trade facilitation, negotiation of financial transactions, and capital market development and regulation.

Ambassador Agyeman is the author of the book, "Diplomatic Protocol: A Guide for Ghana Diplomats and Senior Government Officials". He enjoys to read, swim and play golf in his leisure time. He is married to Mrs. Rama Duse-Agyeman and he has three sons



**PHILIPPE POINOT**

UN Resident Coordinator in Côte d'Ivoire

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Philippe Poinot is the UN Resident Coordinator in Côte d'Ivoire since October 2019. Mr. Poinot brings to the position 30 years of experience in international development and humanitarian response. Mr. Poinot joined the UN in 1992, first working with the UN Development Programme (UNDP) in Lebanon. He has since then served as UN

Resident Coordinator, UNFPA Representative, and UNDP Resident Representative in Morocco (2015-2019), UNDP Country Director in Tanzania (2010-2014) and in Mali (2004-2009), and as Policy Adviser with UNDP Headquarters in New York (1997-2003). Mr. Poinsoth holds a post-graduate Master of Business Administration from EDHEC in Lille and a Master in Agroecology and Environmental Sciences from France-Agro in Lyon.