

Lars O. Kallings

Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe

Lars O. Kallings was appointed by the UN Secretary-General in May 2003 to serve as his Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Eastern Europe.

Kallings has been internationally engaged in HIV/AIDS since 1984, when he became adviser to WHO. In 1988-1990, he was Chairman of the Global Commission on AIDS.

In 1990-1993, Kallings was Senior Adviser to the Global Programme on AIDS on Scientific and Policy Affairs.

Kallings was the founding president of the International AIDS Society (IAS) in 1988. As its Secretary-General from 1994 to 2002, he played a key role in shaping the IAS as the world's first global society for scientists and health care workers committed to the prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS.

Kallings graduated from the Karolinska Institute as Medical Doctor in 1957 and became professor in Medical Microbiology in 1963. He was Director-General of the Swedish National Institute for Infectious Disease Control in 1982-1988 and Nordic representative and Vice Chairman of the WHO Executive Board in 1988-1990.

Kallings was born in Stockholm in 1930. He is married and has five children.