



Michel Sidibé
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Michel Sidibé is the Deputy Executive Director of Programmes at UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS. UNAIDS brings together the efforts and resources of the UNAIDS Secretariat and ten UN system organizations in the AIDS response. The Secretariat headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland—with staff on the ground in more than 80 countries. UNAIDS' Cosponsors include UNHCR, UNICEF, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNODC, ILO, UNESCO, WHO and the World Bank.

Before joining UNAIDS, Mr. Sidibé spent more than 25 years in public service. Mr Sidibé's began his career in global health and development when he became concerned with the health and welfare of the nomadic Tuareg people in the Timbuktu region of his native Mali. These efforts evolved into a role as country director for the international development federation Terre des Hommes.

In 1987, Mr Sidibé joined UNICEF in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In his 14 years at UNICEF, he oversaw programmes across ten francophone countries in Africa. Mr Sidibé also served as a UNICEF Country Representative in several African countries including Swaziland, Burundi, and Uganda.

He became the Director of Country and Regional support department for UNAIDS in 2001. In 2007, Mr Sidibé was appointed as UNAIDS' Deputy Executive Director of Programmes and Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations. In this capacity, he leads UNAIDS' contributions to regional and country responses as well as UNAIDS' efforts in global policies, evidence, and monitoring and evaluation.

Mr Sidibé earned two Post-Master's Diplomas in Social Planning and Demography as well as in Development and Political Economy from the University of Clermont. He also holds a Master's degree in economics. In 2007, Mr Sidibé was awarded an honorary professorship at Stellenbosch University of South Africa.

Born in 1952, Mr Sidibé is a citizen of Mali. He is fluent in English and French. He also speaks several African languages including Bambara, Mandingo, and Dioula. He is married and has four children.

On 1 December 2008 the United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon appointed Mr Michel Sidibé as the next Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS). Mr Sidibé will take up his new position on 1 January 2009.