



## Special Adviser Without Portfolio

### Short Bio. | H.E. Mr Adama Dieng



H.E. Mr Adama Dieng is a former United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on the Prevention of Genocide, a position he held from July 2012 to July 2020. He also served as Registrar of the UN International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda from 2001 to 2008.

Before joining the United Nations, Mr Dieng was for 10 years the Secretary General of the Geneva-based International Commission of Jurists (1990-2000). While holding the post of Secretary General, Mr Dieng was appointed as the United Nations Independent Expert for Haiti (1995-2000). He also served, in 1993, as Envoy of the UN Secretary-General to Malawi to mediate between the Government and the pressure Groups. He was the driving force behind the establishment of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, and produced also the draft of the African Convention to fight Corruption. In Senegal, Mr Dieng was Registrar at the Supreme Court. He has authored many articles on human rights, democracy and the rule of law. He is a former founding member of the Board of Directors of the *International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance* as well as former President of the *Martin Ennals Foundation*.

In recognition of his contribution to the strengthening of the rule of law and the fight against impunity, he was appointed an Honorary Chairman of the Washington-based *World Justice Project*. He led many fact-finding missions on human rights and rule of law as well as trial

observation missions. Mr Dieng is a well-acclaimed human rights expert and lecturer on issues relating to international humanitarian law, human rights law, international criminal justice. He has received many honorific distinctions throughout the world, including the Raça Negra Trophéu for his eminent contribution in the fight against racism and racial discrimination. Currently, he is a member of the UN Internal Justice Council and the Special Adviser to the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity.

Mr Dieng graduated in Law from Senegal and holds a Certificate from the Research Centre of The Hague Academy of International Law and also a Certificate on Homeland Security, Internal and External Security from the Paris Institute of International High Studies. He was conferred the grade of *Doctor honoris causa in Law* by the University of Exeter. Mr Dieng is a native of Senegal and speaks many languages, including French and English.

