

Ambassador E. and P. of the Republic of Mali to the United States Mr. Abdoulaye Diop is a professional diplomat. From 2000 to 2003, Mr. Diop acted as the diplomatic adviser to President Alpha Oumar Konaré and President Amadou Toumani Touré. He played an active role, working closely with the President, at a period of time when Mali assumed the chairmanship of the ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) and the WAEMU (West African Economic and Monetary Union) (2000-2001) at the same time, which boosted the sub-regional integration process. He also monitored the initiatives taken for the creation of the African Union in which Mali played a very active role.

In the same position, Ambassador Diop has been member of several national delegations that attended regional and international conferences to discuss issues such as regional integration, economic development, peace and security. He also had the privilege of overseeing Mali's participation in the Security Council of the United Nations in 2000 and 2001. In the same period of time, Mr. Diop was very active in the NEPAD process in which he was deputized by the President to be a member of the Steering Committee. Prior to being the diplomatic adviser to the President, Mr. Diop acted as the advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in charge of political and diplomatic issues (1999 – 2000).

Ambassador Diop was born in Brazzaville (Republic of Congo) on September 17, 1965. He is married and father of 5 children.