



UNITED NATIONS COUNTRY TEAM IN CHAD

The United Nations in Chad

Chad has been a member of the United Nations (UN) since September 20, 1960. As an impartial and trusted partner, the UN supports the Chadian government in implementing national policies aimed at responding more effectively to the major development, peacebuilding and humanitarian challenges facing the country.

Eighteen UN programs and agencies are active in Chad: FAO, OHCHR, OCHA, IOM, WHO, UNAIDS, WFP, UNDP, UNFPA, UNHCR, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNODC, ILO, IFAD, IMF, WB and UNIDO.



Mr. Francois Xavier Batalingaya

United Nations Resident Coordinator and Humanitarian Coordinator in Chad

Mr. Batalingaya has over 30 years' experience in international development and humanitarian assistance. He currently holds the position of United Nations Resident Coordinator in the Comoros. Previously, he was Head of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) in the Central African Republic. Before joining the United Nations, he worked for non-profit organizations in Kenya, Liberia, Mozambique, Senegal, Somalia, Uganda and the United States. He was, among others, Country Director of World Vision International, where he directed the organization's humanitarian, emergency and development activities. Mr. Batalingaya holds a PhD in Public Health Policy from Walden University, a Graduate Diploma in Humanitarian Assistance from Fordham University and a Master of Public Health from Tulane University.





Mr Pascal REYNTJENS

Head of Mission International Organization for Migration (IOM)



Mr. Pascal REYNTJENS is the newly appointed Chief of Mission of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in Chad as of September 2023.

Since joining IOM in 1997, Mr. Reyntjens has developed expertise in a range of programming and policies related to migrants' protection, migration governance and humanitarian response including emergencies.

He is currently focusing on the coordination and partnership mechanisms on migration and humanitarian actions while working on bridging the approach on humanitarian, development, and Peace Nexus.

Prior to Chad, Mr. Reyntjens has been posted in a variety of geographical locations.

Amongst others, he was Chief of Mission of IOM in Mali (2019-2023), Chief of Mission of IOM in Algeria (2016-2019) and Chief of Mission of the IOM Office for Belgium and Luxembourg (2013-2016).

He holds a Master's degree in Political Science from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB).



Mr. Dieudonné Bamouni

Head of the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)



Mr. Bamouni Dieudonné took up his post in Chad in April 2021. Prior to this, he served in his home country (Burkina Faso) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Head of the Press, Information and Specific Issues Department, then as Coordinator of the National Commission for Refugees. After three years as Regional Representative for Africa of the International Catholic Migration Commission (ICMC), he joined the United Nations system in 2003, first with UNHCR, then with OCHA since 2005. He has served in Guinea, Congo Brazzaville, DRC, Chad and Niger. His previous experience in Niger, his knowledge of the dynamics of the Lake Chad Basin and the Sahel region, and his experience with OCHA, the United Nations system, NGOs and state structures, are all assets for the Chad Team. He also has a wide range of experience in the humanitarian field, with a particular focus on displacement issues in Africa. Mr. Bamouni holds a master's degree in communications and journalism, with a specialization in political science.





Mr. Felix AHOUANSSOU

Resident Representative of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)



Mr. Ahouansou Felix, a national of Benin, took up his duties as Representative and Head of Country Office of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in February 2023. An expert in human rights and transitional justice with some twenty years' experience, Mr. Ahouansou joined the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) in 2013, where he has held several high-level positions. Previously Deputy Head of the OHCHR Office in Chad from November 2019 to May 2022, he had been working as Acting Head of Office since June 1, 2022. Prior to taking up his position in Chad, he served as Coordinator of the Protection Unit within the United Nations Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUSCO) (2017-2019). He also held the position of Coordinator of the Regional Human Rights Office in Côte d'Ivoire, first in Yamoussoukro and then in Abidjan, within the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire (UNOCI) (2015-2016). He also participated in the UN International Commission of Inquiry on the Central African Republic in 2014. Previously, he worked as director of Amnesty International in Benin for six years (2002 - 2007). He holds an additional master's degree in human rights from the Université Catholique de Louvain (Belgium) and a master's degree in law from the Université Nationale du Bénin.



Dr Blanche Anya

Resident Representative of the World Health Organization (WHO)



A paediatrician by training, Dr Anya has over twenty-five years' experience in public health, including 6 at the WHO Regional Office for Africa in Brazzaville and 5 in Niger. Prior to her assignment in Chad, Dr Blanche Anya, was the WHO representative in Niger from 2019 to 2023. From 2012 to 2018, she was successively director of the national immunization program in Cameroon, director of family health, then at the WHO country office in Yaoundé as national advisor in charge of immunization and child health from 2000 to 2012. From 2013 to 2018, Dr Blanche Anya worked at the WHO Regional Office for Africa in Brazzaville, where she coordinated the routine immunization program for the African region. She has supported many countries in the African region to develop and implement their strategic plans in child health and communicable diseases, contributing to the reduction of mortality and morbidity among women and children and to significant progress towards disease elimination/eradication. Dr Blanche Anya, a native of Cameroon, holds a medical degree from the Centre Universitaire des Sciences de la Santé in Yaoundé, Cameroon. She studied pediatrics in Germany (Universitäts Krankenhaus Eppendorf in Hamburg) and holds a postgraduate diploma in pediatrics and a diploma in public health from the Centre International de l'Enfance in Paris. She is fluent in French and English, and moderately fluent in German. She is the author of several scientific publications in various fields of public health and has received several scientific awards.





Mr. Kamil Kamaluddeen

Resident Representative



Mr. Kamil Kamaluddeen arrived in Chad on January 28, 2021 to take up his position as UNDP Resident Representative. Mr. Kamil, known by the acronym KK, brings to his current position more than three and a half decades of professional service, including high-level academic and development leadership positions. Mr. Kamaluddeen joined the UN system in 1998 and has since held numerous senior positions with UNDP, including Resident Representative (in South Sudan, 2019-2020); Country Director (Ghana, Liberia and South Sudan, 2008-2016); Economic Advisor (Ghana and Liberia, 2002-2008) and National Economist (Nigeria, 1998-2002). Mr. Kamaluddeen holds a PhD in Economics from UDU, Sokoto, Nigeria, obtained in 1991, and a Postgraduate Certificate in Cross-Sectoral Partnerships from Cambridge University in 2007.



Dr Marcel

S. OUATTARA

Resident Representative



Dr Marcel S. OUATTARA is the UNICEF Chad Representative a.i. where he arrived on September 1st , 2024. In this function, he is responsible for managing and supervising the CO programs /projects and operations, providing leadership and vision to the UNICEF country programme team in managing and leveraging resources for the achievement of results and fulfilment of the rights of children. He leads and manages the various program sectors and operational service teams ensuring delivery of quality results in accordance with the UNICEF Strategic Plans, standards of performance and accountability framework, ethics and integrity.

Dr OUATTARA brings more than 20 years of experience to this position, focusing on academic teaching, development and humanitarian programming.

Prior to his current assignment, Dr OUATTARA was UNICEF's Representative in Comoros Islands and has previously worked in Chad as UNICEF Deputy Representative in which position he provided overall coordination in planning development and management to improve the status of women and children.

Dr OUATTARA has also served with the UN Ebola Emergency Response Mission as Director of Field Operation, and with UNICEF as Deputy Representative in Guinea Bissau, as Chief Education in Cameroon, Regional Project Officer in WCARO, National Officer in Ouagadougou, with GIZ, as Decentralization Project Chief in Ouagadougou, with UNDP/DDES as National Expert in Ouagadougou and Assistant Professor at the University of Ouagadougou.

Dr OUATTARA is a national of Burkina Faso. He holds a Doctorate (Ph.D.) in Education (Curriculum and Instruction), The University of Toledo, Ohio, USA and a Specialist and Master's Degrees in Educational Technology, The University of Toledo, Ohio, USA.





Yewande Odia
Resident Representative



Ms Yewande Odia is UNFPA's representative in Chad. She takes up her post on August 1, 2023. In her last position as head of department at MONUSCO, she ensured compliance with UN standards of conduct. Previously, as Director/Head of Office of the Office of the Special Envoy of the Secretary-General to Burundi, managing the Political Mission, she ensured inclusive dialogue between political actors and supported national reconciliation. Ms. Odia began her career in private law practice as a lawyer in Nigeria. She then joined the United Nations in 1994 as a Legal Officer. She served at UNOSOM Somalia, with the Justice Division, helping to re-establish the rule of law. She then served at MICIVIH, Haiti, as Human Rights Officer, monitoring and reporting human rights violations and recommending reforms. At UNAVEM-Angola, UNMIH-Haiti (as Legal Officer) and UNMIL-Liberia (as Senior Legal Advisor), she protected the organization's interests within the framework of the Security Council mandate, the Status of Forces Agreement and other relevant legislation. This included providing legal support to political processes. Subsequently, as Legal Advisor to UNDP in New York, Ms. Odia advised on legal matters, developed policies and represented UNDP administration before the internal justice system. Ms. Odia created the Conduct and Discipline Unit in the Peacekeeping Department in New York in 2005, taking the Organization in a new strategic direction with a new accountability framework, which included the development of policies and procedures to address misconduct by UN staff and partners.



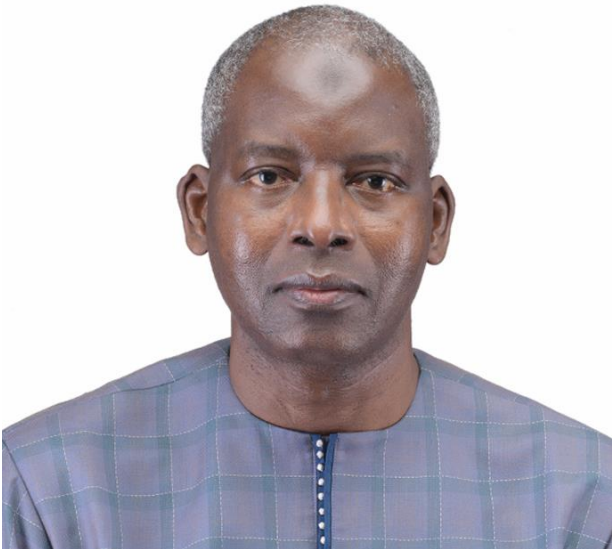
Marc Mankoussou
Resident Representative



Mr. Marc Mankoussou, a national of the Republic of Congo, holds a Doctorat Unique en Sciences Biologiques, a Diplôme d'Etude Approfondie (DEA) en Sciences Naturelles et Agronomie and a Diplôme d'Ingénieur de Développement Rural from the Université Marien N'gouabi de Brazzaville in the Republic of Congo.

Marc Mankoussou joined FAO in 2021 as FAO Deputy Representative in Chad, and since September 2022, he has been FAO Representative a.i. in Chad. From 2010 to 2021, he was Counsellor at the Embassy of the Republic of Congo in Italy, Deputy Permanent Representative to FAO, IFAD and WFP. He has served on various governing bodies: FAO Council from 2011 to 2021, Bureau Member of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS) from 2014-2015 and Vice-Chairman of the FAO Programme Committee (2017-2019). He also served on the WFP Executive Board from 2016-2019. He began his career in 2000 as Professor of Natural Sciences and Agronomy at the Lycée Technique Agricole Amilcar Cabral in Brazzaville, Congo, and from 2005 to 2010, Head of the Agricultural Production and Processing Department. From 2000 to 2000-2010, he was a trainer for grassroots communities on plant and animal production techniques at Action des Secours et d'Urgence pour le Développement Humain (ASUdh) and Food Security Team Leader. From 2008 to 2010, he was attaché, then Rural Development Adviser to the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development.





Mr. MAGATTE Guisse

Resident Representative



Mr. Magatte Guisse, Representative of the UNHCR, the United Nations Refugee Agency, presented his credentials to the Chadian authorities on July 03, 2024, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in N'Djamena. The Representative of UNHCR, the United Nations Refugee Agency, who until his appointment in Chad was UNHCR Representative in Mogadishu, Somalia, was Head of the UNHCR Office in Koukou (Sila province) from 2011 - 2012. In connection with his experience at the United Nations and his 23 years of service with UNHCR, during which he worked in many countries in Africa and Asia, he took part in peacekeeping missions in South Lebanon, Kuwait, Iraq and the Democratic Republic of Congo. He also held various senior positions in the Senegalese army before joining the United Nations.



Dr Françoise

NDAYISHIMIYE

Resident

Representative



Dr Françoise NDAYISHIMIYE has been UNAIDS Country Director in Chad since August 1, 2024. Dr Ndayishimiye brings over 28 years of professional experience in the fields of public health, HIV, gender and human rights. Prior to her appointment in Chad, Dr. NDAYISHIMIYE was UNAIDS Country Director in Ethiopia, Gabon and Haiti, and Gender and Human Rights Adviser at UNAIDS headquarters in Geneva and at the UNAIDS office in Haiti. Before joining UNAIDS in November 2012, she worked at the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria in Geneva, where she held the positions of Senior Gender Advisor and Monitoring and Evaluation Advisor. She has served on several international boards, including the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Mother 2 Mother and the board of AIDS Empowerment and Treatment International (AIDSETI). In her native Burundi, Dr. NDAYISHIMIYE has held several positions of responsibility and leadership since 1995, including Executive Director of the National Secretariat of the National AIDS Council (NAC), National Coordinator of the Society of Women Against AIDS in Africa (SWAA-Burundi), National Coordinator of ACTION AID's HIV program and National Coordinator of the Grand Participation of People Living with HIV/AIDS (GIPA). She has also served as HIV technical advisor to several First Ladies of Burundi, supporting their work within the Organization of African First Ladies against HIV/AIDS (OPDAS). Through her previous and current positions, Dr. NDAYISHIMIYE has demonstrated her ability to work in a multicultural, multisectoral and complex context, building strategic partnerships with governments, UN agencies, bilateral partners, the private sector, non-governmental organizations, including networks of people living with HIV, and other implementing partners to address challenges and foster an effective and coordinated response to HIV and gender, including in humanitarian contexts, at national and international levels. Dr NDAYISHIMIYE is originally from Burundi, and holds a doctorate in medicine from the University of Burundi, with a specialization in public health from Henry Point Carré University, Nancy, France, and several other certificates in management and leadership. Dr NDAYISHIMIYE is fluent in French and English, Kirundi and Kinyarwanda, and can communicate in Swahili and Haitian Creole.





**Ms. Sarah
Gordon-Gibson**

Resident Representative



Sarah Gordon-Gibson has been working for the World Food Programme for 28 years.

She took up her duties as Country Director and Representative in Chad in August 2024. She also served as Country Director and Representative in Tanzania from 2020-2024, in Jordan from 2018-2020, and in Lao PDR from 2015-2018. Prior to these assignments, she was the Regional Programme Manager for the Syria Crisis Response covering Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and Turkey.

Before her position in the Middle East, she served as Deputy Country Director in Niger, Myanmar and Tanzania. Her previous two positions have been as Programme Officer in Mauritania and Armenia. She started her professional career in Morocco, as Head of Field Office. She holds a Masters in Law from the University of London, and a Bachelor in Law from the University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne.



M. Paul Coustère

Director of the UNESCO regional office.

Non-resident agency.



Mr. Paul Coustère is Director of the Multisectoral Regional Office for Central Africa in Yaoundé (Cameroon) and UNESCO Representative to Cameroon, Angola, Burundi, Central African Republic, Chad, Equatorial Guinea and Sao Tome and Principe. He took up his post on May 11, 2022.

Prior to his appointment, he was Deputy Director of the IIEP. Economics of education, education sector analysis, sample surveys on learning outcomes. As Deputy Director of the IIEP, Paul Coustère has contributed to the achievement of the Institute's goals and objectives, notably through the promotion of an integrated approach to capacity development, which includes training, research and technical assistance in the field of educational policy, planning and management.

Mr. Coustère began his career as an educational economist. His first area of specialization was the design and analysis of sample surveys of learning outcomes. He worked first in Washington DC as an internal consultant for the World Bank, then in Dakar as Head of the Programme d'Analyse des Systèmes Educatifs (PASEC) of the Conférence des Ministres de l'Education des pays francophones (CONFEMEN), before joining the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2000 as Head of the Bureau de l'éducation de base et de l'alphabétisation.





Rasit Pertev

Représentant de la Banque Mondiale



Rasit Pertev took up his post in Chad on August 19, 2020. A Turkish national, he was previously Secretary of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD). He first joined the Bank in 2003 and has worked as Senior Agricultural Economist based in Turkey and Uganda, and more recently as Resident Representative for Comoros. He has over 25 years' experience in development, starting with community development in Zambia. He has served as Deputy Secretary General of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Energy, and Chief Negotiator for the UN peace talks in Cyprus. A former refugee, Raşit holds an MA in Economics from Cambridge University and an MA in Development Economics from the University of London.



Ms Arina Viseth

Representative of the International Monetary Fund



Ms Arina Viseth, a French national, arrived in Chad on September 29, 2022.

An economist by profession, she has over ten years' proven experience working with the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, mainly for fragile and low-income countries.

Prior to her appointment as Country Representative for Chad, Arina Viseth worked as an economist in the IMF's Africa Department, where she was responsible for countries such as Togo, Seychelles, Sudan, Madagascar and Niger, before carrying out field missions in Cameroon and Chad.

Between 2010 and 2009, she worked in the Western Hemisphere Department of the International Monetary Fund and as a consultant at the World Bank Institute.

Ms. Arina Viseth holds a PhD in Economics, from the University of Delaware, USA and Université Lyon 2 in France





Amado de Andrés

UNODC Representative
Non-resident agency



Dr. Amado de Andrés of Spanish nationality has been the UNODC Regional Office Representative for West and Central Africa (ROSEN) since March 1, 2021.

Dr. de Andrés joined UNODC in 2004 as Programme Officer at the UNODC Regional Office for West and Central Africa (ROSEN), and has since held various positions within UNODC, including Representative of the Regional Office for Central America and the Caribbean in Panama (ROPAN), Team Leader for Latin America and the Caribbean, and Drug Control and Crime Prevention Officer at UNODC headquarters in Vienna.

Prior to joining UNODC, de Andrés worked for the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), the World Bank, the European Commission and Samsung. Amado holds a doctorate in international law from the University of Michigan (USA) and a master's degree in public administration from the College of Europe (Belgium). He is fluent in English, French and Spanish, and has a basic knowledge of Portuguese.



Mr. Raymond Tavares

UNIDO Representative
Non-resident agency



Raymond Tavares, a Senegalese national, has over 25 years' experience working in innovation management, technology development, quality infrastructure for market access, international trade and development. He holds a doctorate in industrial economics and a master's degree in innovation management. In recent years, Raymond Tavares has managed projects and programs aimed at helping UNIDO member states in their digital transition process and the transfer/acquisition of new technologies with a view to their inclusion in the new industrial revolution process (Industry 4.0). Raymond Tavares has been appointed UNIDO Representative in Cameroon and Central African countries in 2020.





Ms Nteba Soumano

Director of the International Labor Organization (ILO)

Non-resident agency.



Ms Nteba Soumano, Director of the ILO Office for the Democratic Republic of Congo, Angola, Central African Republic, Congo, Gabon and Chad.

She previously held the position of specialist in charge of skills development and employability for the Central African sub-region in the ILO's Kinshasa office. A graduate of the Technical University of Berlin in Germany (DEA), Ms. Nteba Soumano has over 20 years' professional experience in the development and enterprise development sector.

She joined the ILO Office in Senegal in 2001, where she held the position of Principal Technical Adviser for employment projects of sub-regional scope, providing advisory support to governments, employers' and workers' organizations on the pillars of the Decent Work agenda, notably on issues relating to the promotion of international labor standards, social protection, social dialogue, youth employment, rural employment, enterprise development and vocational training.



EMIME Ndiokubwayo

Acting IFAD Head of Central Africa Hub

Non-resident agency.



Ms Emime Ndiokubwayo has been appointed interim head of the Central Africa Hub and director/representative of IFAD's country office in Yaoundé from January 1, 2021. The Hub covers the DRC, Cameroon, Congo, Chad, Gabon, Equatorial Guinea, Central African Republic and Sao Tome and Principe. Emime brings to IFAD a wealth of professional experience spanning more than 20 years in the field of rural development in Africa and beyond, in a variety of organizational contexts, including with central governments, regional and pan-African institutions and international organizations. Born in Burundi, Emime Ndiokubwayo holds a Master's degree in Governance and Development from the University of Antwerp (Belgium), a Bachelor's degree in Law from the University of Burundi and a Certificate in Executive Leadership and Management from Syracuse University, New York, USA.

