

SAHNOUN, Mohamed

Mohamed Sahnoun has had a distinguished diplomatic career, serving *inter alia* as Adviser to the President of Algeria on diplomatic affairs; Deputy Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity (OAU); and Deputy Secretary-General of the League of Arab States in charge of the Arab-Africa dialogue. He served as Algeria's Ambassador to the United States, France, Germany and Morocco, as well as the United Nations.

Mr. Sahnoun is currently Secretary-General Kofi Annan's Special Adviser to follow developments in the Horn of Africa region. Previously, he served as: Special Adviser to the Director-General of the United Nations Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) for the Culture of Peace Programme; Special Envoy of the Secretary-General on the Ethiopian/Eritrean conflict (1998-1999); Joint Representative of the UN and the OAU in the Great Lakes region (1997); Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General to Somalia (1992). He was a member of the World Commission on Environment and Development (the Brundtland Commission) in the 1980s, as well as Senior Adviser to the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED).

Mr. Sahnoun studied first at the Sorbonne University, in Paris, and then at New York University, where he received his BA and MA degrees in Political Science. He holds a Doctorate H.C. degree from the University of Addis Ababa. In 1994, he was first a fellow at the US Institute of Peace in Washington, D.C., and then a Pearson fellow with the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa, Canada. He is a member of the board of the University for Peace and of the International Crisis Group.