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At the United Nations, Cheick Sidi Diarra of Mali has been under-secretary-general and high representative for the least developed countries, landlocked developing countries and small island developing states since 2007. He also is a special adviser on Africa.

Diarra has more than 25 years of experience in bilateral and multilateral international relations, law and development. He was also involved in the national reconciliation efforts of Mali, which paved the road to the country’s peaceful and democratic development.

Diarra has been actively involved in furthering African integration efforts and the African development agenda at the international level. He has served as one of the lead negotiators on these issues at African Union summits since 1982. From his decade-long experience dealing with the United Nations, he acquired first-hand knowledge and experience of multifaceted issues of the United Nations and its intergovernmental processes in particular.

Diarra made important contributions to the reform process of the United Nations aimed at strengthening the organization’s global role in economic and development matters. In this context, he was an active player in the intergovernmental consultation process leading up to the strengthening of the Economic and Social Council and follow-up of the development aspects of the 2005 World Summit, including the Millennium Development Goals.

Diarra obtained master’s degrees in international public law and international relations from Dakar University in Senegal.