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President of the Pan-African Institute for Strategies,
Peace-Security-Governance (IPS),
Vice-President of the National Assembly of Senegal



- Vice President of Senegalese Parliament (since October 2019)
- Congressman (elected July 2017)
- President of IPS (since September 2012)
- OIC Special Envoy to CAR (February 2014–March 2017)
- OIC Secretary General Special Representative for Africa (January 2016–March 2017)
- Former Presidential Candidate (February 2012 Elections)
- Former Senior Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Senegal (April 2000–October 2009)

Summary of expertise

Diplomacy, conflict prevention and resolution, international relations and African affairs, governance and democratization, institutional reform of African political and economic systems, communications, telecommunications and international development

Field experience (prior to being Foreign Minister)

Senegal, Mali, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Burkina Faso, South Africa, Zimbabwe, France, Canada, USA, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Sudan, Botswana, Mauritania, Morocco, Libya, Cape Verde, Madagascar...

NB: During my tenure as Foreign Minister I visited 45 African countries, all North American nations, several European, Arab, Asian, and South American countries.

Summary of relevant work experience

July 2017: Elected to the Senegalese national Parliament as a Congressman for 5 years:

February 2014–March 2017: OIC Special Envoy to the Central African Republic

January 2016–March 2017: OIC Secretary General Special Representative for Africa (in charge of the Mali and Sahel crisis, Boko Haram and The Lake Chad Basin countries)

September 2012–present: President of IPS (Institute for Pan-African Strategies, Peace-Security-Governance)

November 2009–present: Chairman and CEO SARATA HOLDING LLC, a consulting and advising Firm for “Business and Development Partnerships with Africa”, with three locations: Dakar, Washington, DC, Casablanca

January 2009–June 2009: led the International Mediation effort (AU, Arab League, OIC, EU, UN) in Mauritania as a team co-Leader

November 2002–October 2009: Senior Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs

March 2008: led and successfully concluded the Peace Agreement which ended the military conflict between Chad and Sudan

2003–2009: Several mediation missions in Guinea Bissau, Sudan and Libya

April–May 2003: Led the mediation in Madagascar which was successfully concluded with the signing of the Dakar Agreement

March 2001–November 2002: Senior Minister in charge of Foreign Affairs, African Union and Senegalese citizens living Abroad

January 2002–January 2003: Chairman of the ECOWAS Council of Ministers and Chairman of ECOWAS Peace and Mediation Council (During my tenure I led the negotiations and signed on October 17, 2002 in Bouaké the Cease-Fire Agreement which ended the first phase of the Civil War in Côte d'Ivoire)

May–June 2003: Led the African Union Ministerial team for the Madagascar mediation, under the auspices of Senegal

March 2001–July 2001: Chair of the Organization of African Unity – African Union Foreign Ministers Council

April 2000–March 2002: Foreign Minister of the Republic of Senegal in charge of Senegalese abroad

January–April 2000: Coordinator for Africa (West and francophone), World Links for Development Program, WBI, The World Bank.

1998–1999: Regional Director for Africa, Academic Studies, Abroad, School for international Training (Vermont). SIT is the accredited college of World Learning, an international organization committed to promoting international understanding and cross-cultural education. I supervised and managed our programs in Southern Africa (South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe) and Francophone Africa (Morocco, Cameroon, Mali and Madagascar).

1998–2000: Registered Consultant for UNOPS (United Nations)

1998–2000: Registered Consultant for the European Commission's Technical Assistance to the third World Countries Programme.

1997–1999: Coordinator "the US-Africa Institute" This Private Voluntary Organization aims at building a stronger "bridge for the 21st century" between the US and Africa in the areas Trade, Investment, New Communication Technologies, Education and Democratization.

1996–present: Motivational Speaker in Senegal and in the US on issues related to the current African crisis and the quest for African Renaissance through institutional reform, use of information-communication technologies, democratisation, human rights and a federal state for a united Africa.

1994 to 2000: Columnist for "Sud-Quotidien" Dakar on issues of economic development institutional reform, communication and democratization in Africa.

1995–1997: Executive director of H.D.N.A. (Human Rights, Democracy and New Leadership in Africa), an international NGO promoting a new image of Africa by advocating institutional reform, rule of law and good governance.

1984–1988 and 1994–1996: Assistant-Professor of Communication at CESTI, Dakar-University, Senegal (Responsibilities: Training in Communication Technologies and Lectures, on "TV production, political economy of telecommunications; telephone, telematics and internet".

1994–1995: Contributor and Advisor to the Editorial Board of the Review "Démocraties Africaines", a UNDP sponsored publication of the African Institute for Democracy, Dakar, Senegal.

1992–1994: Analyst and commentator on African Political and Economic Issues for the weekly radio program "African Time" broadcast in New York and New Jersey.

1992–1994: Collaborator and political analyst on African issues for the weekly TV program "Forum Africain", Channel 25, broadcast in the Tri-States area (New-York, New-Jersey, Connecticut).

1987–1994: Coordinator of the audiovisual sector of the Pan-African Festival of Arts and Culture (FESPAC)

1980–1984: Editor in chief of the Parisian quarterly African review "Tribune Africaine", a journal advocating African unity and new approaches to African development.

UN system experience

1997 (Nov–Dec): Consultant for the UNDP's Regional Project "African Futures", based in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire). Assignment: Help and assist the Project in defining a new Communication and publications policy" for its phase II. Mission included field trips to Harare (Zimbabwe), Johannesburg, Pretoria and Cape Town (South Africa). Main contact: Alioune Sall, Coordinator, African Futures, UNDP Abidjan.

1994 (Nov–Dec): Consultant and main resource-person for a joint world Health Organization-CESTI (Center for the Study of Sciences and Techniques of information) special training program in information Education and Communication for two Health workers from the republic of Niger. Project managed by CESTI on behalf of WHO.

University degrees

Ph.D., Communications, The Ohio State University. 1994 Major: Communication Telecommunication, international Development and Institutional Reform of African economic and political systems.

Certificate of practical training in communication technology and curriculum development for audiovisual teaching, Montreal (Quebec), 1986.

Certificate of practical training in TV production, Montreal (Quebec), 1985.

D.E.A. (Advanced Graduate Studies Diploma) in Sociology of Mass Communication, University Paris IV-Sorbonne (René Descartes). 1984. Major: Mass-Communication and Development. Minor: Education and information Technology.

Maîtrise Sociology University Paris 7 - Jussieu. 1983 Major: Information and Communication Sciences.

Certificate of Professional Training in Journalism (CFPJ) 1982, Major: Broadcast Journalism.

B.A Sociology-Philosophy University of Paris 8 -Vincennes, 1981, Major: Sociology of Development and International Relations.

Languages

- Fulani/Peulh (Mother tongue)
- English (Fluent)
- French (Fluent)
- Wolof (Fluent)

Publications

Gadio Cheikh, Series of articles (over 70) and research papers on issues of new Communication Technologies, Training and Curriculum Development, Institutional Reform, Democratization, and Development in Africa, published in Démocraties Africaines, Sud Hebdo, Sud Quotidien, Le Devoir, Tribune Africaine, la Revue Africaine de la Communication.

Gadio Cheikh, series of publications in "Panafrican Strategy" (the Review of the Institute for panafrican Strategies) (from 2014)

Gadio Cheikh "Telecommunications and Development In West Africa: Theoretical Issues and Practical problems". A Mission Report to the International Development Research Center (IDRC), Dakar Regional Office, July 1993.

Gadio Cheikh "Institutional Reform of Telecommunications in Senegal, Mali and Ghana" Démocraties Africaines No 1, Dakar, January 1995.

Gadio Cheikh "La Révolution médiatique au Sénégal : Oser approfondir la réforme", Sud-Quotidien, Dakar March 1995.

Gadio Cheikh "The Long Road to Economic and Political reform in Africa " Démocraties Africaines No 1, Hors serie, Dakar, May 1995.

Gadio Cheikh "Structural Adjustment and the Reform of Public Enterprises in Africa" Démocraties Africaines No 1 Hors serie, Dakar, May 1995.

Gadio Cheikh "The New Communication and Publications Policy of the UNDP Project: African Futures". A Mission Report. December 1997.

Gadio Cheikh "Africa Must Unite", A Special publication of the Senegalese Embassy in New Delhi, April 2008.