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- Secretary, African Internet Governance Forum (www.afigf.africa) of the African Union.
- Chairperson, Scientific Committee, West African Internet Governance Forum (<http://www.waigf.org>) of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS).
- President, Association of former United Nations Staff in Senegal (www.asafi.sn).
- Member, African Performance Institute (<https://performance-institute.org>).
- Retired Chief of Section, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UN-ECA).
- Former President, Federation of United Nations Staff Associations in Ethiopia (FUNSA).

He has served as Chief of Division in the Ministry of Research of Senegal from 1981 to 1984; Head of Information Services of the African Regional Organization for Standardization (ARSO) based in Kenya from 1984 to 1990; Senior Regional Advisor in ICT Policy, Manager of the Information Technology Centre for Africa (ITCA) and Chief of various sections at UN-ECA from 1990 to 2016.

He worked both at the technical and policy levels on ICT for Development as a trainer, coordinator of projects and programs, and advisor in development and implementation of policies, including Internet Governance, in African member States and Regional Economic Communities. At UN-ECA, he initiated the African Internet Governance Forum in 2011 with the African Union and NEPAD; and has been coordinating its meetings from its inception to date.

He engaged in advocacy on ICT policy development and implementation in African countries and promotion of regional cooperation in the framework of the African Information Society Initiative (AISI) and NEPAD, led high-level advisory missions, negotiated agreements with African ministers and coordinated common positions during the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) process as Secretary to the African Ministerial Committee and the Internet Governance Forums at global, continental and regional levels. He served also as the Chairperson of the African Regional Action Plan on the Knowledge Economy (ARAPKE), which yielded several African Union led-projects funded by the European Union.

On top of all the above substantive activities, he served from 2008 till his retirement from the UN in 2016, as President of the UN-ECA Staff Union and in this context led staff management negotiations at the local and at the global UN level.