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Secretary General, UN (since January 1997)

Addressed as: Mr. Secretary General

Professional History

- 1962-71 Held several personnel and budget-related positions at UN bodies in Geneva, New York, and Addis Ababa.
- 1974-76 Managed government-owned Ghana Tourist Development Company.
- 1976-80 Deputy chief of staff services, UN Office of Personnel Services.
- 1980-84 Deputy director of administration directorate, UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Geneva.
- 1984-86 Director of budget, UN Office Financial Services.
- 1986-1990 Assistant secretary general, UN Office of Human Resources Management.
- 1990-92 UN comptroller and director; Office of Program, Planning, Budget and Finance.
- 1992-93 Assistant secretary general, UN Department for Peacekeeping Operations.
- 1993-96 Director, UN Department for Peacekeeping Operations.

Education

Earned B.A. in economics and M.Sc. in management; attended the University of Science and Technology in Ghana (1958-59), Macalester College in Minnesota (1959-61), the International Institute of Higher Studies in Switzerland (1961-62), and the Sloan School of Management at MIT (1971-72).

Personal Data

Born a twin on 8 April 1938 near Kumasi, Ghana; married to the former Nane Lagergren; the couple has three adult children from previous marriages.

Language

Speaks excellent English, French, and several African languages, including Twi and Fante.

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