



# MOHAMED AG AYOYA

Deputy Special Representative and  
Resident Coordinator

United Nations Secretary-General, António Guterres, announced on 21 November 2022 the appointment of Mr. Mohamed Ag Ayoya of Mali as the new Deputy Special Representative for the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the Central African Republic (MINUSCA) and Resident Coordinator for the Central African Republic where he will also serve as Humanitarian Coordinator.

Mr. Ayoya brings over two decades of professional experience and extensive knowledge of humanitarian affairs, with a particular focus on complex emergencies and child protection issues in field settings.

Prior to his present position, Mr. Ayoya served in Afghanistan as the Representative of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF). He has also served as UNICEF Representative in Somalia and South Sudan between 2019 and 2022, where he worked closely with United Nations peace operations, as well as in Guinea (2013-2016) and Zimbabwe (2016-2019). He played a critical role in leading UNICEF's response to the Ebola outbreak in Guinea; in child survival and development programmes in Haiti, India, Sierra Leone, Mali, Niger, Chad, Mauritania; in developing child survival strategies and capacity-building interventions using the human rights approach in West and Central Africa region and in managing complex and protracted emergencies, including COVID-19, in South Sudan and Somalia.

Mr. Ayoya holds a medical degree from the School of Medicine and Pharmacy in Mali and a PhD in nutritional sciences from Cornell University in the United States.

Mr. Ayoya is fluent in English, French, Tamasheq, Bamanan and Songhai.