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Dr Ahmed Djoghlaif holds a Ph.D. from the University Of Nancy, France, as well as four other post graduate degrees including Master of Arts, Government and Politics from St. John's University, New York and a Law degree from the University of Algiers.

He assumed the position of Executive Secretary of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) on January 3, 2006. He was named to his previous position as Assistant Executive Director of UNEP in June 2003, following his success as Director and Coordinator of UNEP's Division of the Global Environment Facility (GEF), where he played a key role for seven years and successfully raised UNEP'S profile. During his tenure at the GEF, the portfolio grew from 6 projects worth US\$ 28 million to 600 projects worth more than US \$1 billion implemented in 155 countries.

Throughout his impressive career, Dr Djoghlaif has increased his extensive knowledge of global environment processes within the UN system and within the CBD process. His numerous positions at the CBD included Acting Principal Officer on intergovernmental issues and cooperative arrangements at the Secretariat, during which time he was in charge of meetings including the First and Second Conferences of the Parties. In 1994, in his capacity as Special Adviser to the Executive Secretary of CBD, he was responsible for the preparations for the First Conference of the Parties held in Nassau, Bahamas, in December of that year.

Prior to joining the United Nations, Dr Djoghlaif held a variety of important posts in the Algerian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was advisor on environmental issues to the Prime Minister of Algeria and, prior to that, to three Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Algeria.