

## **Ambassador Abdul Samad Minty**

### **Current Positions**

- Deputy Director-General: Ambassador and Special Representative for Disarmament and NEPAD. South African Department of Foreign Affairs, Pretoria.
- Personal Representative of the President on the NEPAD Steering Committee.
- South African Governor, Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), Vienna since 1995.
- Chairperson of the South African Council for the Non-Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction since 1995.
- Member of the Board of the South African Nuclear Energy Corporation of South Africa.
- Representative of the Department of Foreign Affairs on the South African National Conventional Arms Control Committee.
- Vice-Convenor of the Council of the South Centre, Geneva.

### **Previous Positions**

- Chairperson of the Nuclear Suppliers Group: 2007 - 2008.
- President of the IAEA General Conference: 2006.
- Deputy Director-General responsible for Multilateral Affairs in the South African Department of Foreign Affairs: 1995 – 2004.
- Acting Director-General of the South African Department of Foreign Affairs for three separate periods, totalling over two years.
- Member of the UN Secretary-General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters: 2001-2002.
- Chairperson of the South African Council for Space Affairs: 1995 - 2006.
- Director – World Campaign against Military and Nuclear Collaboration with South Africa, Oslo: 1979 - 1994.
- Honorary Secretary – British Anti-Apartheid Movement, London: 1962 -1995.

### **Academic**

1994-95: Senior Research Fellow - International Peace Research Institute, Oslo (PRIO).

1969-75: Research Fellow, Richardson Institute for Conflict and Peace Research, London.

1969: MSc (Econ) International Relations (University College London).

1968: BSc (Econ) International Relations (University College London).

### **Career**

- Ambassador Minty played a significant role in South Africa's multilateral foreign policy development as well as the transformation of the Department of Foreign Affairs after the first democratic elections in 1994.
- Chairperson of the first NSG outreach meeting in Vienna in 1997.
- Advisor to South Africa's delegation during the 1995 Review Conference of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). Leader of South Africa's delegations at the NPT Review Conferences in 2000, 2005 as well as the preparatory meetings for the 2010 Review Conference.
- Involved in international negotiations aimed at banning anti-personnel landmines and the illicit proliferation of small arms.

- Participated in various UN and other seminars, conferences and hearings on South Africa's military and nuclear capability and other related subjects, including sanctions against Rhodesia and the United Nations' role in Namibia.
- Was called on four occasions to give evidence as an individual expert to the UN Security Council. Made representations to and appeared before the UNSC Arms Embargo Committee (1977-1994).
- Attended numerous international conferences on Southern Africa including all but two Commonwealth Heads of Government Conferences between 1961 and 1995.
- Worked closely with the African Group and Non-Aligned members of the IAEA over South Africa's nuclear programme and attended annual General Conferences of the IAEA in Vienna to lobby for sanctions against the Apartheid Regime.
- Member of Steering Committee of the first UN-OAU Conference on Southern Africa, Oslo, April 1973 and Special Consultant for the second UN-OAU Conference, Lagos, August 1977.
- Invited to various OAU Summit Conferences as special guest. Guest of Zambian Government during Mr Nelson Mandela's visit to Zambia in March 1990.
- Responsible for overseeing logistical arrangements and advised on policy issues when South Africa hosted UNCTAD in 1996, the Non-Aligned Movement Summit in 1998, the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting in 1999, the World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance in 2001, the first African Union Summit in 2001 and the World Summit on Sustainable Development in 2002.

### **Publications**

Ambassador Minty has written extensively for the United Nations and various anti-apartheid and solidarity movements on topics related to the fight against apartheid, human rights, disarmament and the arms embargo against South Africa.

### **Personal**

Born on 31 October 1939.

Married to Khatija Minty