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Stanlake J.T.M. Samkange serves as ad interim Assistant Executive Director, Workplace and Management. In this capacity, he leads the services and functions designed to support, protect, and empower WFP's global teams including the organization's human resources, management services, security, technology, wellness, and surge capacity coordination.

He previously served as Senior Director of Strategic Partnerships (2018-2024), prioritizing the fostering of partnerships with national governments and development actors – including International Financial Institutions – to strategically position WFP within the development sphere and mobilize new resources to achieve zero hunger. He has served as Director of the Policy and Programme Division (2013-2018) where he led the reorientation of WFP's strategic approach to ensure contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals and national development objectives. From 2011-2013, he served as Regional Director for East and Central Africa. From 2008-2011, he was the WFP Representative and Country Director in Uganda. From 2003-2007 he served in WFP headquarters as WFP Director for Policy, Strategy, and Programme Support.

Prior to joining WFP, Mr. Samkange served as Director of Research for the International Commission on Intervention and State Sovereignty and was a Member (Rapporteur) of the UN Security Council's Panel of Experts set up to investigate the violation of sanctions against UNITA in Angola. Mr. Samkange served as a Political Officer in the UN Department of Political Affairs from 1996-1998, and in the Office of the UN Secretary General as a speechwriter from 1993-1996.

Mr. Samkange practiced law in Washington DC with Covington & Burling, and was educated at Harvard University (A.B.), Oxford University, and Stanford University Law School (J.D.). He is a national of Zimbabwe.