



Mbaranga Gasarabwe **Assistant Secretary-General** **of the United Nations**

In May 2015, **Ms. Mbaranga Gasarabwe** was appointed Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General for MINUSMA and Resident Coordinator, UNDP Resident Representative and Humanitarian Coordinator for Mali. In this capacity, she is responsible for the coordination of humanitarian, recovery and development assistance throughout the country. Ms. Gasarabwe has long experience working in emerging as well as conflict countries. In Mali, she plays the lead role to coordinate humanitarian response. In addition to development and humanitarian dimension, Ms Gasarabwe is managing a large portfolio of stabilization and recovery, security sector reform., anti-mines management, Justice and corrections as well as Electoral system.

Prior to this, she worked as the Assistant Secretary-General for the Department of Safety and Security in New York, managing issues of safety and security for UN offices around the world. Before joining the Secretariat, she served in various capacities with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for over 20 years, amassing extensive experience in international development, humanitarian, peace and security issues.

Ms. Gasarabwe served in Mali, Guinea, Djibouti, and Benin as Resident Coordinator, Humanitarian Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative. Across these varied settings, she effectively engaged with governance, development and humanitarian challenges and led efforts to improve democratic governance, implement economic reforms, coordinate humanitarian interventions, advocate for humanitarian principles and facilitate delivery of services to vulnerable and conflict affected populations.

In Djibouti, she worked effectively with the Arab League and the African Union counterparts and explored opportunities to further liaise with Arab nations in the Middle East, building solid partnerships with the Islamic Development Bank and Kuwait Fund, among others.

She served as Chief, ad interim, of the Central and East African region in UNDP's New York Headquarters, Regional Bureau for Africa. She managed various issues relating to policy dialogue, reinforcement of government institutions, crisis management and formulation of rehabilitation and recovery frameworks for post-crisis countries in East, Central and West Africa, in close collaboration with the UN Departments of Peacekeeping Operations and Political Affairs and the Security Council.

Prior to working for the United Nations, Ms Gasarabwe worked as consultant for organizations such as the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the World Bank.

Ms. Gasarabwe, a native of Rwanda, holds a Master of Economics from the University of Burundi and a Master of Business Administration (MBA) from the Arthur D. Little School of Management, now known as the Hult International Business School in Cambridge, Massachusetts/USA.