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Abdoulaye Diop is a career diplomat, having previously acted as an adviser to President Alpha Oumar Konaré and President Amadou Toumani Touré (2000–03). Diop played an active role, working closely with the president, at a period of time when Mali assumed the chairmanship of the ECOWAS (Economic Community of West African States) and the WAEMU (West African Economic and Monetary Union) (2000–01) at the same time, which boosted the sub-regional integration process. He also monitored the initiatives taken for the creation of the African Union in which Mali played a very active role. Prior to this Diop acted as the advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs in charge of political and diplomatic issues (1999–2000). He held the position of Counselor at the Mali Embassy in Belgium and was in charge of multilateral cooperation issues (1998–99) and actively took part in the negotiations between the ACP States (African, Caribbean, and Pacific) and the European Union with regard to the Partnership Agreement for Development signed in Cotonou in 2000. Born in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo in 1965, he received a BA in diplomacy from the National School of Administration of Algeria, an MA in diplomacy and management of international organizations from the University of Paris XI, and an MA in international relations from the Paris International Institute of Public Administration. Diop and his wife are the parents of five children.