

BIOGRAPHY

HAMADOUN IBRAHIM TOURE

**Director, Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT)
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Mr. Hamadoun I. Toure, a citizen of the Republic of Mali, carries over 20 years of experience in the Telecommunications field and has had the opportunity to hold various management positions in leading Telecommunications companies.

His professional career covers the Public sector in his native Mali, the Intergovernmental institutions with INTELSAT in Washington D.C., and he has also evolved in the Private sector with ICO Global Communications.

Hamadoun I. Toure holds a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the Institute of Electronics and Telecommunications of St. Petersburg, Russia (1979). His education also includes various courses in Management, Human Resource Development and Marketing.

Mr. Touré was elected Director of the Telecommunication Development Bureau (BDT) at the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Plenipotentiary Conference, which took place in Minneapolis in 1998. He took up office on the 1st of February 1999 at the ITU headquarters in Geneva. Mr. Touré's goal is to mobilize both the developed and the developing countries, public and private sectors combined, in a "Platform for Partnership" in order to boost the development of telecommunications worldwide.