

**Short Biography of  
Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki**

Dr. Ibrahim Assane Mayaki of the Republic of Niger is the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA), previously known as the New Partnerships for Africa's Development (NEPAD) Secretariat, headquartered in Midrand, and functioning as the Interim African Union (AU) Office in South Africa, South Africa.

Dr. Mayaki, born 1951, holds a Masters Degree in Management from the *Ecole Nationale d'Administration Publique* (ENAP) in Quebec, Canada, and a PhD in Administrative Sciences from the University of Paris I, France. Dr. Mayaki served as Professor of Public Administration and Management in Niger and Venezuela, where he worked from 1978 to 1982 and again from 1985 to 1987.

From 1996 to 1997 he was Minister for African Integration and Cooperation, and then Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Niger.

In November 1997 he was appointed Prime Minister, a position he held until January 2000. In August 2000, he founded and led the Centre for Public Policy Analysis in Niamey, Niger.

It was under Dr. Mayaki's leadership as Prime Minister that social dialogue in Niger registered significant advances, including the creation of several technical committees and sectoral inter-ministerial negotiating bodies that included the social partners for the first time. The period also saw the organization (1998), with the collaboration of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU), of a national forum on social dialogue, the initiation of consultative processes and statutory measures, including regulations, to put in place mechanisms for the National Commission for Social Dialogue (CNDS) (2000), an African first.

From 2000 to 2004, Dr. Mayaki was Visiting Professor at the University of Paris XI, where he taught international relationships and international organizations; he also directed research at the Centre for Research on Europe and the Contemporary World at the same university.

In 2004 he was appointed Executive Director of the Platform Support for Rural Development in Central and West Africa (*the Rural Hub*), based in Dakar, Senegal, from where he was recruited for the post of Executive Secretary of NEPAD.

In addition to his public service, Dr. Mayaki also has extensive private sector experience, for instance working for 10 years with the *Société des Mines de l'Air du Niger* (SOMAIR), a subsidiary of France's AREVA.

In addition to several academic articles, Dr. Mayaki has published a political autobiography, "*Quand la caravane passe....*" which recounts his political career. He has also been decorated several times both by his country and a number of foreign governments.

In addition to a number of Niger's national languages, Dr. Mayaki is fluent in French, English and Spanish.