

CURRICULUM VITAE
OF
H.E. ALPHA OUMAR KONARE
Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union

Family Name: KONARE

First name: Alpha Oumar

Date of birth: February 2nd, 1946

Place of birth: KAYES (Mali)

Son of: late Dougoukolo KONARE (School teacher) and
late Binthily DIALLO (Housewife)

Marital situation: Married since 15 July 1971 to Professor Adame. BA

Father of: 01 daughter Kadiatou (born in 1972),
03 sons: Mamadou Lamine (1976), Birama (1982) and
Dougoukolo (1987)

Profession: Professor of History and Archeology

Former position : President of the Republic of Mali Professor

Present position : Chairperson of the Commission of the African Union

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EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Primary studies: Regional School of Kayes Khasso (1951- 1957)
- Secondary studies: Lycée Terrasson de Fougères (Bamako) and Marist College (Dakar) 1957- 1960
- Modern College of Kayes (1960- 1962)
- Teachers' Training School in Katibougou Majoring in Arts (1962- 1964)
- Higher Education: Ecole Normale Supérieure - Bamako
Majoring in History and Geography (1965- 1969)
- Univeristy of Warsaw (Poland) -Institute of History (1971-1975)

QUALIFICATIONS

- Diploma of Teachers' Training School of Katibougou -Majoring in Arts (1964)
- Graduating from Ecole Normale Supérieure -MA majoring in History and Geography (1969)
- PhD majoring in Archeology from the University of Warsaw (1975)

AWARDS

Recipient of several national, African and international awards.

Other awards:

- "Lifetime Achievement Award" (November 2002)
- Honorary Citizen of Miami and State of Florida, USA (Year 2002)
- Order of Merit of African Soccer Confederation (January 2001)
- Order of Merit of the African Association of National Olympic Committees (Year 2001)
- Honorary ,Citizen of the city of Montreuil, Paris (year 2000)
- Honorary Citizen of the Municipality of Mandé, Mali (Year 2001)
- Doctor honoris causa of the Univeristy of Rennes II, France (1999)

- Doctor honoris causa of the University of Michigan, USA (1998)

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

- Primary school teacher at Kayes Khasso (1964- 1965)
- Teacher at Badalabougou Teachers' Training School (ENSEC) (1968-] 969)
- Teacher at Lycée de Markala, Mali (1969- 1970)
- Teacher Lt Lycée de Badalabougou, Bamako (1970 -1971)
- Research Fellow at the Human Sciences Institute of Mali (1974)
- Head of the Historical and Ethnographic Heritage -Ministry of Youth, Sport and Culture (1975- 1978)
- Research Fellow at the High Training Institute in Applied Research (ISFRA) and teacher in the Department of History and Geography of Ecole Normale Supérieure -Bamako (1980)
- Research Director in History and Archeology (2002)

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

- Member of the International Ethical, Political and Scientific Collegium (2002)
- Member of the UN Millenium Project Task Force on Hunger (2002)
- Chairman of the South Africa-based e-Africa Commission on New technologies of information (2001)
- Co-chairman of the Partnership in Fighting Hunger and Poverty in Africa (2001)
- Honorary chairman of the Association of West African Scientists (2001)
- Member of UNESCO International Jury on Immaterial Heritage Works of Art (2001)
- Board Member of Gateway Foundation for the Development of New Technologies of Information and communication (2000)
- Co-chairman of Global Coalition for Africa -GCA- (1978)
- Chairman of GCA Policy Committee (1996)
- Vice-Chairman of the International Council of Monuments and Sites -ICOMO~: (1980- 1992)
- Chairman of the International Council of Museums -ICOM (1989 - 1992)
- UNESCO Advisor on International Fund for Cultural Promotion
- Board Member of Creative Africa Foundation (1989)
- Expert Consultant for UNESCO, the African Cultural Institute, ACCT and UNDP
- Board Member of World Islamic Education Centre of Mecca (1977)
- Chairman of West African Archeologists' Association (1977)
- Chairman of the Association of Historians and Geographers in Mali (1976)

MEMBERSHIP IN VARIOUS MILITANT ORGANIZATIONS

- Delegate of ADEMA/PASJ at the National Conference of Mali (1991)
- Founding member and First Chairman of ADEMA Party -African Party for Solidarity and Justice (1991)
- Founding member of "Alliance for Democracy in Mali" Association -ADEMA (1990)
- Chairman of the Alliance of Malian Intellectuals for Children (1989 - 1991)
- Board member of the Malian Association Against Mental Deficiency AMALDEME(1989)
- Founding member and chairman of the Friendly Society of Education and Culture Workers-MUTEK (1987- 1992)
- Founding member of Bamakan Association Radio -the first private radio station - in Mali (1991)
- Founder and Chief editor of "Les Echos" newspaper (1989)
- Founder and director of the "Jamana" Cultural Magazine, "Grin Grin", a youth magazine, and " Jamana" Cultural Cooperative (1983)
- Member of the Malian Labour Party (PMT), an illegal party (1967 - 1991)
- Secretary General of the National Trade union of Education and Culture (SNEC/UNTM) of Ecole Normale Superieure (1967- 1969)
- Secretary General of the Association of Malian Students at Ecole Normale Supérieure -ADEENSUP (1968- 1969)
- Secretary General of USRDA Youth at Ecole Nonnale Superieure of Bamako (1967 -1968)

STATE LEVEL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Member of the Committee of 15 Heads of State and Government in charge of implementing the NEPAD (2002)
- Chairman of the Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel -CILSS - (2001 -2002)
- Chairman of the West African Economic and Monetary Union - UEMOA (1999-2000)
- Chairman of the Economic Community of West African States - ECOWAS (1999 -2000)
- Chairman of the Authority of the Heads of State of the Senegal River Development Organization -OMVS (1995- 1998)
- Chairman of the Niger River Basin Authority -ABN (1992- 2002)

- Member of the Group of African Heads of State mediating for the Central Africa Republic (1996)
- First President elect of the third Republic (1992), re-elected in 1997 (end of term: 8 June 2002)
- Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture (1979- 1980)
- Minister of Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (1978- 1979)

AUTHOR OF A NUMBER OF ARTICLES. PREFACES AND WORKS

including:

- "The concept power in Africa" -a collective work, UNESCO Press, 1981
- " An Archeological Bibliography of Mali" -EDIM, 1981
- "Greatest Dates in Mali" in collaboration with Adam Ba Konaré - EDIM, 1983
- "The Constitution of Mali"-EDIM, 1983
- "Sikasso Tata"-EDIM, 1983
- " Alpha and You" -A compilation of Speeches (1992-1997) by His Excellency Alpha Oumar KONARE, President of the Republic of Mali -Afrique Press Paris, 1997
- "Press visions" -Jamana Press (Volume 1: 1997; volume 2: 1998; volume 3: 1999) (Updated in February 2003)
- "Un Africain du mali" Interviews, 2004 Edition Cauris-Paris