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Former Ambassador Jeff Gongoer Dowana Sr.'s Biography ^[1]

His Excellency Ambassador Jeff Gongoer Dowana Sr. is a career diplomat with more than three decades of experience in the Liberian Foreign Service. He served in various capacities at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and diligently worked his way up the ranks of the Liberian Foreign Service.

Prior to his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Liberia to the United States of America with corresponding Diplomatic responsibilities for Canada and Mexico, Ambassador Dowana served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary

to the State of Kuwait. Among many other positions, Ambassador Dowana worked as Director of Passports and Visas at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1983, and as Minister Counselor at the Embassy of Liberia in Paris in 1998. In 1999 Mr. Dowana served as Minister Plenipotentiary and acting Ambassador to the Court of St. James in England. Ambassador Dowana was appointed Consul General of the Liberian Consulate in New York 2005, at which time he represented Liberia on the Fifth Committee of the United Nations. He became the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Embassy of Liberia near Washington DC in 2012 and later became the Acting Ambassador in 2017.

Ambassador Dowana has accumulated a wealth of diplomatic experience from representing his motherland, Liberia at several international fora held in Brazil, Washington DC, and France. He has diplomatically trotted the world going as far as Slovenia, Spain, Guinea, La Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Morocco, the United Arab Emirates, Greece, Belgium, and the Netherlands among others.

This astute Liberian diplomat holds a Bachelor of Arts in Human Geography from the University of Liberia and a Master of Science in Organizational Leadership from the NYACK COLLEGE in New York. Ambassador Dowana also Holds Certificates in Diplomacy and Journalism from Germany and London respectively.

Mr. Dowana is happily married with three adult children and is a proud member of the Masonic fraternity.



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Ambassador Dowana at the White House to present his official letter of credence to US President Biden

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