

Dr. Josephine Ojiambo is the new Chief of the Executive Board and External Relations Branch in the Information and External Relations Division (IERD) at UNFPA.

Before this assignment, Dr. Ojiambo was immediate Former Ambassador/Deputy Permanent Representative at the Kenya Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York, where she notably engaged with a range of committees at the UN General Assembly on themes including international peace and security, development and humanitarian aid. At the United Nations, she provided inputs to processes related to MDGs, the Commission on Population and Development, South South collaboration, the review conference on the elimination of the illicit trade in small arms and light weapons, Arms Trade Treaty and development, and Global Governance among others. She has engaged quite extensively with other UN agencies, notably UNFPA and UN Women, in some of these processes.

Prior to representing Kenya at the United Nations, Dr. Ojiambo managed a Public Health Consultancy in Kenya. She has worked in the private sector and with non-governmental organizations advocating for multi-sector interventions to promote equity in social development, particularly for women, for the youth and for vulnerable people. Additionally, she has worked for the Ministry of Health, for the Ministry of Planning and National Development and for other Government departments in Kenya.

Dr. Ojiambo has been an active member of a number of organizations, such as the Women's Democracy Network, the Medical Women International Association, and the Pan African Women's Organization.

She holds a Master's degree (with Distinction) in Public Health and Community Medicine, a degree in Medicine and Surgery and several certified skills, including one in diplomacy.