

© Geneva Graduate Institute / Eric Roset.

Omar Touray | Classes of 1992 & 1995

Omar Touray is a renowned Gambian diplomat, who was President of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) from 2022 to 2026. Previously, he worked as a specialist for the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) from 2012 to 2022. Omar Touray has a long career in representing his country, as he was Ambassador and Permanent Representative of The Gambia to the African Union from Ethiopia, Kenya, and South Africa from 2002 to 2007, and later in 2007, to the United Nations in New York. In 2008, he joined the Gambian Government as minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation.



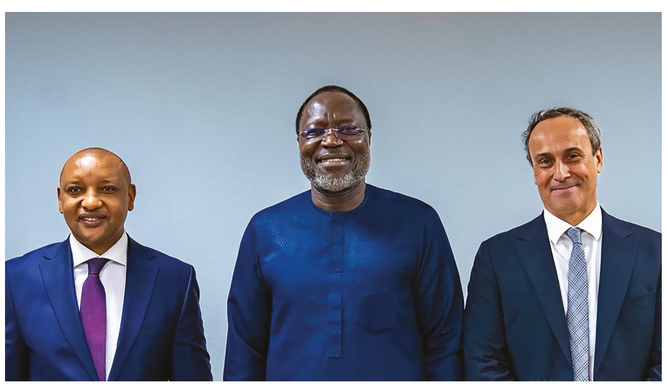
© ECOWAS / Omar Touray.

Omar Touray is actively engaged on questions linked to food security, supporting projects to improve rural development in his capacity as president of the ECOWAS.



© UN Photo / Loey Felipe.

In September 2024, Omar Touray addressed the Summit of the Future at the UN, a high-level event that is a unique opportunity to discuss and foster responses to tomorrow's challenges and the realities of the 21st century.



© ECOWAS / Omar Touray.

Omar Touray is pictured here between H.E. Isaac Keen Parashina, then High Commissioner of the Republic of Kenya to the Federal Republic of Nigeria and ECOWAS, and H.E. Marc Fonbaustier, then Ambassador of France, on the 50th Anniversary of the ECOWAS.

Learn more here