

### **Bio for Stephen Lewis:**

Stephen Lewis is Distinguished Visiting Professor at Ryerson University in Toronto, Canada, and board chair of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which is dedicated to turning the tide of HIV/AIDS in Africa. He is also co-founder and co-director of AIDS-Free World. In addition, he serves as a commissioner on the newly formed Global Commission on HIV and the Law, created by the United Nations Development Programme.

Mr. Lewis's work with the United Nations has spanned more than two decades where he has served as the UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa and Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF. In addition to his work at UNICEF, Mr. Lewis was appointed by the Organization of African Unity to the International Panel of Eminent Personalities to Investigate the Genocide in Rwanda.

From 1984 through 1988, Stephen Lewis was Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations. In this capacity, he chaired the Committee that drafted the Five-Year UN Programme on African Economic Recovery. He also chaired the first International Conference on Climate Change in 1988.

Mr. Lewis has been widely honored for his work. In 2003, he was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada, Canada's highest honor for lifetime achievement.