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H.E. Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda is the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Uganda to the United Nations. He represents Uganda at the Security Council. Prior to this appointment, he was the Minister of Internal Affairs in Uganda (2003-2009)

Ambassador Rugunda has extensive and varied experience in government and public service and has served in several ministerial portfolios. From 1989-2001, he was a member of parliament in Uganda.

In 2003, he was elected President of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and President of the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN).

In July 2006 – 2009, Dr. Ruhakana Rugunda led the Government of Uganda delegation in peace negotiations with a rebel group “the Lord’s Resistance Army” (LRA) in Juba - Sudan

He is a physician with a Masters Degree in Public Health, from the University of California Berkeley, (1978). He is a specialist in Maternal and Child Health. He started his Medical career in Zambia, did his residence in Pediatrics at Washington DC General Hospital and worked at Kenyatta National Hospital Nairobi, Kenya.

His publications include:

- Health Services in Namibia (United Nations Institute for Namibia- Lusaka, 1977).
- Maternal and Child Health in Zambia (University of California, Berkeley, 1978).
- Family Planning in Uganda (Pathfinder Fund Publication, 1980).
- Neonatal Asphyxia at Kenyatta National Hospital, Nairobi (1984)
- Rebuilding the Health services in Uganda (UNICEF 1988).
- Challenges and Change in Uganda.(2005)

Dr. Rugunda is a member of the International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War. (IPPNW) He was one of the keynote speakers at the Moscow Congress of IPPNW 1987.