

Current Position: Deputy Director-General  
UNESCO

Mr. Getachew Engida holds a BA Econ (Honours) Upper Second Class in Economics / Agricultural Economics at the University of Manchester, England (July 1981), and his MBA with commendations in International Banking & Finance at the City University Business School, London (April 1993). He is a Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England & Wales.

Getachew was appointed as Deputy Director-General of UNESCO in April 2010. In this capacity, he supports the Director-General in crafting strategic directions, policy development and program execution.

Before his appointment as DDG, Getachew served as the Comptroller of UNESCO for almost six years, responsible for the financial management of some \$1 billion dollars budget over a biennium including treasury management, financial information systems, members' contributions, etc. Responsible for making sure that appropriate delegation of authority and accountability mechanisms exist throughout a decentralized organizational set up and implement Strategic input to decision making as a Senior member of the Direction General. Interface with the External Auditor and a resource person for the Finance & Administration Commission of the Executive Board.

He also held the following positions:

- Director, Finance, Human Resources & Administration, ILRI
- Chief Financial Officer, ILRI
- Assistant Controller, (IFAD)
- Assistant Financial Manager, Corporate Finance, Reuters Ltd, London
- Financial Manager and Deputy Manager, East and Southern Africa, Reuters Ltd, Nairobi/Harare
- Assistant Financial Manager, Africa, Reuters Ltd, Nairobi, Kenya
- Assistant Financial Manager, Accounting Standards, Corporate Finance, Reuters Ltd, London
- Group Research Accountant, The BOC Group Plc, London
- Audit Supervisor, Ernst and Young, Chartered Accountants, London