

Mr. Nils Kastberg
Representative
UNICEF Sudan



Mr. Nils Kastberg took up his assignment as Representative of UNICEF Sudan in September 2009. Prior to this assignment, Mr. Kastberg served as UNICEF's Regional Director for the Latin America and Caribbean regions since 2003.

Mr. Kastberg joined UNICEF in April 1998 as Director, Office of Emergency Programmes in New York, where he directed and co-ordinated emergency programmes ensuring complementarity of interventions with UNICEF's overall programme policies, advised the Executive Director on emergency related policies and strategies, and assisted in mobilising UNICEF's corporate response for complex emergencies.

During the period 1992 to 1995, Mr. Kastberg was Counselor with the Permanent Mission of Sweden in Geneva, Switzerland when he also led the Task Force on HIV/AIDS Coordination. For one year, in 1996, he served as Permanent Representative of Sweden to the UN Organizations in Rome. During the same year, he was Chair of the Western Group and Vice-President of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme. In early 1997, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Sweden seconded Mr. Kastberg to the Office of the High Representative for International Community in Bosnia and Herzegovina, covering Humanitarian and Human Rights issues in the Northwest of Bosnia and Herzegovina, based in Banja Luka, until his appointment with UNICEF.

Mr. Kastberg was appointed as Head of Section for Central America with the Swedish International Development Authority in Stockholm, Sweden between 1988 to 1990. In this capacity, he covered and provided support to the International Conference on Central American Refugees. From 1990 to 1992, he served as Head of Section for Humanitarian Affairs with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Stockholm, Sweden.

Prior to joining UNICEF, from 1980 to 1988, Mr. Kastberg served with UNHCR in various capacities, holding increasingly responsible positions in countries such as Zimbabwe, Sudan, Thailand, Switzerland and Costa Rica. During this time, he planned and implemented programmes for emergency assistance with a focus on reintegration of refugees. He served in Sudan, with a base in Juba, during the period April 1981 to August 1983, with a focus on the reception and local settlement of refugees arriving from Uganda.

Mr. Kastberg is a national of Sweden. In 1979 he earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English, Nordic Languages, Linguistics and Development Studies from the University of Stockholm, Sweden.