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Ely Dieng is the Coordinator of the Operational Cell of the Contact and Coordination Group, based in Goma in the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Formerly, Head (*ad interim*) of the Office of the Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for Burundi (OSESG-B), he led the Office through the tense period of the 2020 elections and oversaw the closing of the Office, as per the decision of the UN Security Council and discussions with the Government of Burundi. He previously served as the Office's Principal Security Sector Reform (SSR) Officer.

Prior to joining OSESG-B in 2018, he led SSR efforts for UN peacekeeping missions in the DRC and Côte d'Ivoire. He has a long experience in Disarmament, Demobilization and Reintegration (DDR) programs at policy design and implementation levels.

Ely Dieng also has diverse experience with international institutions involved in peace, security and development, namely the World Bank, the UN Development Programme, and the UN Departments of



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Peace Operations and of Political and Peacebuilding Affairs. He served these institutions in varied but complementary capacities in West, Central, and East Africa.

His professional experience cuts across a wide spectrum of competencies, ranging from providing strategic advice to senior leadership, designing policies and operational strategies, and leading political and diplomatic discussions, to training and capacity-building of different stakeholders in the area of DDR and SSR, and building strategic partnerships.

Ely Dieng holds a Bachelor's degree in Political Science from the University of Quebec in Montreal and a Master's degree in International Relations and International Public Policy from the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins.