

# World Food Programme

## 2023 Executive Board Bureau

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#### H.E. Mr. Youssef Balla

Ambassador and Permanent Representative  
of the Kingdom of Morocco



Born in 1962, in Tétouan, Ambassador Youssef Balla holds a degree in International Relations and communication from the Complutense University in Madrid and a Master's degree in Spanish language and literature, earned in his native city, at the University of Abdelmalek Essadi.

His diplomatic career started in 1989, as Secretary of foreign affairs at the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates. In 2019, Mr Balla was appointed as the Ambassador of His Majesty the King to the Republic of Italy, and is also the non-resident Ambassador to the Republic of San Marino, the Republic of Malta, and the Republic of Albania. He is also the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Morocco to the United Nations agencies in Rome.

Prior to that, he served as the General Consul in Palermo (2006-2011), the General Consul in Strasbourg (2011-2014) and representative of Morocco to the European Council.

From 2016 to 2019 he served as the Ambassador of His Majesty the King to Peru and non-resident in Bolivia, earning the Grand-Cross of the order of the Sun of Peru, as well as the Peruvian Congress medal of the Knight Order.

He is father to one child, and fluently speaks Arabic, French, Spanish and Italian.