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Dr. Dede Watchiba holds a PhD in political and administrative sciences and an International Development Project Manager (IDPM) certification from the University of Quebec in Montreal (Canada). He has also benefited from several training courses in the United States, France, Thailand, South Africa, Senegal, Kenya, and other countries, in many areas of expertise, among others: planning, project management, monitoring and evaluation, etc.

From 2018 to 2021, Dr. Watchiba was Country Director in the DRC for the American firm "THE MITCHELL GROUP Inc". As such, he led an international partnership made up of researchers from the US National Institutes for Health (NIH), LEIDOS, INRB, WHO and many international pharmaceutical companies in setting up and conducting the PALM study which led to the development of two effective treatments against Ebola. In this quality, he also piloted for this international consortium all the operations for the eradication of the 10th, 11th and 12th Ebola virus epidemic in the Democratic Republic of Congo. In 2018, He was visiting International Researcher/Professor at Queen's University (Kingston, Ontario, Canada). From 2008 to 2011, Dr. Watchiba was the head of both the National Multisectoral Program for the Fight against HIV/AIDS (NAC) and of the World Bank's MAP project in the Democratic Republic of Congo as national coordinator, after being National Director of the "Monitoring and Evaluation" unit with these two structures for five years. From 2000 to 2003, Dr. Watchiba was Marketing Director of the American firm PSI in the DRC.

As a teacher, Dr. Watchiba is currently Professor at the University of Kinshasa. He has taught in several universities in the past (University of Burundi, Catholic University of

Bukavu, Patrice-Emery Lumumba University in Kinshasa, Free University of Kinshasa, etc.). As a researcher, he has published several books and several scientific articles. Since 2007, Dr. Watchiba has also been pursuing a career as an international consultant and in this context, he has had to carry out several consulting assignments on behalf of several international agencies and governments in several countries in Africa and around the world.

Dr. Watchiba is a member of American Political Science Association (APSA) and International AIDS Society (IAS). He currently lives in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo.