



Minnesota International Center  
*A World Affairs Council*

## **Dr. Nafis Sadik** **U.N. Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Asia**

---



### **Meet the presenter...**

Dr. Nafis Sadik is the Special Adviser to the UN Secretary-General and is the Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Asia. Upon her appointment, Dr. Sadik became one of the highest ranking women in the UN system and the first woman in the history of the United Nations to lead one of its major voluntarily funded programs.

In 1971 Dr. Sadik joined the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), where she served as Executive Director from 1987-2000. She served as Secretary-General of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo during 1994. She is a member of the Board of Governors of the Foundation for Human Development and a member of the South Asian Commission on the Asian Challenge. She was also President of the Society for International Development (SID) from 1994-1997. Prior to her work with the United Nations, Dr. Sadik served as Pakistan's Director-General of the Central Family Planning Council.

In 2001 Dr. Sadik was selected as the Laureate in the individual category of the United Nations Population award for her contribution to the awareness of population issues. She has also been presented with several distinguished awards including the 1993 International Award from the National Family Planning and Reproductive Health Association (NEPHRA), the 1995 Prince Mahidol Award, the Bruno H. Schubert-Stiftung Prize in 1995, the Margaret Sanger Award from Planned Parenthood Federation of America, and the Hilal-I-Imtiaz Award from the Government of Pakistan.

Originally from Pakistan, Dr. Sadik was educated at Loreto College in Calcutta and received her M.D. from Dow Medical College in Karachi. Her father, Mohammad Shoaib, was a former Finance Minister of Pakistan.