



Stephen Lewis

Passionate and determined, Stephen Lewis is a humanitarian who has worked to improve the human condition, both at home and abroad. Leader of the Ontario New Democratic Party for eight years, during which time he became leader of the Official Opposition, he also served as Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, and as the Deputy Executive Director of UNICEF in New York.

The former UN Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, Mr. Stephen Lewis is the inaugural Scholar-in-Residence at the Institute on Globalization and the Human Condition at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. He is also a Senior Advisor to the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University in New York.

Mr. Lewis is co-chair of the Leadership Programme Committee for the XVII International AIDS Conference, which will be held in Mexico City in August 2008. He also serves as a member of the Board of Directors of the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI), and is the chair of the board of the Stephen Lewis Foundation (www.stephenlewisfoundation.org), which is dedicated to easing the pain of HIV/AIDS in Africa. Admired by Canadians of all political ideologies, he has garnered respect and attention internationally for the strength and eloquence with which he presents his convictions.

Over the past half-decade, Mr. Lewis has been recognized for his outstanding career achievements. In 2003, he was appointed a Companion of the Order of Canada, Canada's highest honour for lifetime achievement. That same year, *Maclean's* magazine chose Mr. Lewis as their inaugural "Canadian of the Year", and he received the Jonathan Mann Health and Human Rights Award from the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care. In 2004, he was awarded the Pearson Peace Medal by the United Nations Association in Canada, celebrating outstanding achievement in the field of international service and understanding. In April 2005, Mr. Lewis was named by *TIME* magazine as one of the '100 most influential people in the world' (he was cited in the category which included The Dalai Lama, Bill Gates, Oprah Winfrey, and Nelson Mandela). In addition, he holds 25 honorary degrees from Canadian universities and is an honorary fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.

Stephen Lewis' best-selling book, *Race Against Time* was a finalist for the Writers' Trust Award and the Trillium Book Award. It won the Canadian Booksellers Association's Libris Award for non-fiction book of the year, and Mr. Lewis was named the CBA's Author of the Year for 2005.