

Isata Mahoi

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A politician, academic, and economist, Isata Mahoi serves as Sierra Leone's Minister of Gender and Children's Affairs. Born in Moyamba District, before entering public service she worked extensively in the media as a radio journalist and actress. She earned a Master's degree in Development Economics from the University of Rome and a PhD in Economic Policy from the Catholic University of Milan.

Throughout her academic and professional career, she has worked as a World Bank consultant on social policy, a human rights activist, and a coordinator for the West Africa Network for Peacebuilding (WANEP), distinguishing herself through her advocacy for women's land rights and her work in conflict resolution. A prominent member of Sierra Leone's government, she leads national initiatives for women's empowerment, gender equality, child protection, and the fight against gender-based violence.