



Mohamed Bouabdallah, 45, has held significant roles advocating for French culture on the global stage. Prior to his appointment as Cultural Counselor of France in the United States, he served as Cultural Counselor of France in Cairo and Director of the French Institute in Egypt (2016-2019), and Head of the Political Affairs Department at the United Nations Directorate of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, in charge of the Security Council (2019-2023).

An alumnus of Paris Dauphine University, Sciences Po Paris, and the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA), Mohamed Bouabdallah has worked in several European institutions, including the Delegation of the European Union in Belgrade and the European Parliament. He further served as political advisor to the president of Essonne, a regional authority in the Paris region, and as an adjunct professor at Sciences Po Paris and ENA. In his free time, Mohamed Bouabdallah has been active in social work, contemporary art, and theater. A basketball fanatic, he also practices distance running and desert hiking.

Mohamed Bouabdallah takes office during a period of historic growth and evolution for the Cultural Services, headquartered in New York. In 2021 the French Embassy launched **Villa Albertine**, an arts institution which imagined an innovative residency program that invites over 50 international creators and cultural professionals to engage in exploratory residencies across the US each year.

In addition, during his 2022 State Visit, French President Emmanuel Macron announced '**French for All**', a new initiative that supports the expansion and enrichment of French language education and bilingualism in the US from kindergarten through higher education. Further, the Embassy has taken significant steps in the past years to grow its partnerships and exchange programs with many of the largest and most prestigious universities in the US, while consistently expanding its reach to new student bodies, including community colleges. As Cultural Counselor of France in the United States and Director of Villa Albertine, Mohamed Bouabdallah will continue to build these key initiatives and chart the future for France's action on the American cultural and education scenes.