



Martin Chungong

Martin Chungong made history in 2014 by becoming the first African and non-European to be elected IPU Secretary General. For more than three decades he has dedicated his professional life to promoting democracy worldwide.

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He is a leader in his field through his work on developing programmes to help parliaments become more transparent, accountable, representative and effective democratic institutions. He has also built an impressive portfolio in the promotion of dialogue and conflict resolution, issues that remain at the heart of the IPU's work.

Since 2012, he has pushed to strengthen parliamentary engagement on sustainable development and accountability through his role as Parliamentary Representative on the Steering Committee of the Global Partnership for Effective Development Cooperation.

As part of his commitment to gender equality, Mr. Chungong is an International Gender Champion, a network of decision makers, male and female, who have committed to breaking down gender barriers. In 2020, he was elected Chair of the Global Board of the International Gender Champions.

He is also leading IPU's work to dramatically reduce maternal and child mortality rates through effective legislation and its implementation, as well as ensuring governments' accountability to international commitments in this area. He sits on the Board of the Partnership for Maternal Newborn and Child Health. He was also appointed by the UN Secretary-General as one of the global leaders committed to fighting malnutrition through the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) Movement.

Mr. Chungong has received several distinctions, including Chevalier de l'Ordre de la Pléiade by the International Organisation of La Francophonie; the Friendship Order by the Viet Nam National Assembly; Officer of the National Order of 27 June 1977 by the President of Djibouti and Council of the Federation: 25 years by the Parliament of the Russian Federation.

A linguist by training, Martin Chungong speaks English, French and Spanish.