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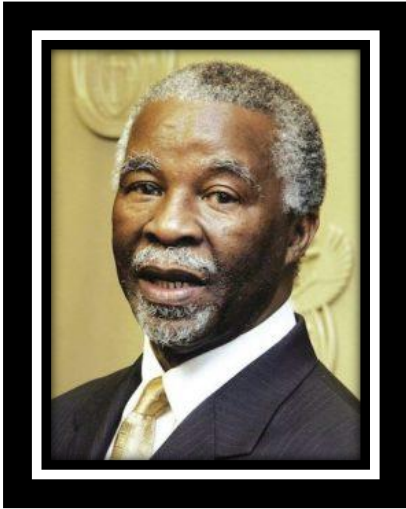


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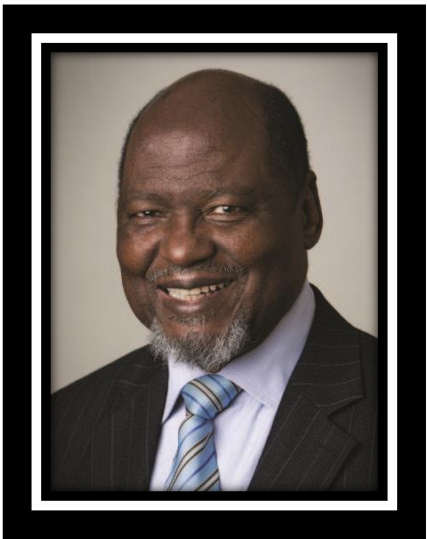
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MEDIATION AND DIALOGUE DIVISION

Profiles of AU Special Envoys, High Representatives, Special Representatives, and the Panel of the Wise

SE R	PROFILE PHOTO	FULL NAMES	NATIONAL ITY	PORTFOLIO	BRIEF DESCRIPTION
1		H.E. Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki	South African	Chairperson of the AU High-Level Implementation Panel for Sudan and South Sudan (AUHIP) Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in July 2008	H.E. Thabo Mvuyelwa Mbeki is a former President of the Republic of South Africa (1999 – 2008). He is a passionate Pan-Africanist who has negotiated and resolved various complex conflicts and crises on the African continent. He has also played an influential role in mediating several conflicts in Sudan, Burundi, Rwanda, the

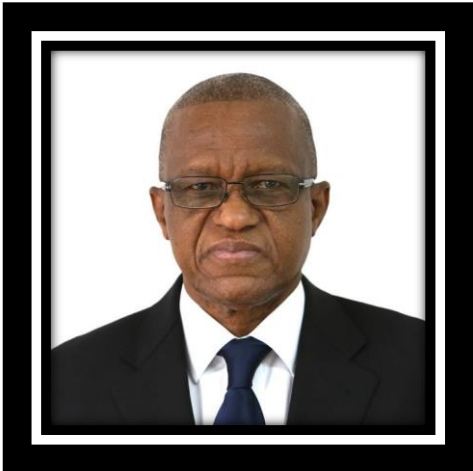
					Democratic Republic of Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, and Liberia.
2		H.E. Bineta Diop	Senegalese	Special Envoy for Women, Peace and Security. Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in January 2014.	H.E. Bineta Diop is the Founder and President of Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS), an international NGO that seeks to foster, strengthen, and promote the leadership role of women in conflict prevention, management, and resolution in Africa. She played an instrumental role in achieving gender parity within the African Union Commission's leadership and in the adoption of the Solemn Declaration on Gender Equality in Africa as well as the Protocol to the African Charter on Human and People's Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa.

					She has led peacebuilding programs as well as many women's peace and security initiatives.
3		H.E. Joaquim Alberto Chissano	Mozambican	Special Envoy for Western Sahara. Appointed by the Peace and Security Council in June 2014.	H.E. Joaquim Alberto Chissano is a former President of the Republic of Mozambique (1986 – 2005), former Chairperson of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) (2000 – 2001) and former Chairperson of the African Union (2003 - 2004). He is currently the chairperson of the Africa Forum of Former African Heads of State and Government and the Joaquim Chissano Foundation, which promotes peace, social-economic

					development, and culture. He is a former SADC Mediator for Madagascar and a former United Nations envoy for Northern Uganda, Southern Sudan, and Guinea Bissau.
4		H.E. Alpha Oumar Konaré	Malian	High Representative for South Sudan. Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in June 2015.	H.E. Alpha Oumar Konaré is a former President of the Republic of Mali (1992 – 2002) who also served as president of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in 1999 and the West African Monetary Union (UEMOA) in 2000. He is a former Chairperson of the African Union Commission (AUC) (2003 – 2007) and former Chairperson of

					the AU High-Level Panel for Egypt (2013 – 2014). He was a mediator in the 1997 crisis between the Central African Republic and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He was instrumental in setting up the Inter-African Mission to Monitor the Implementation of the Bangui Agreements (MISAB) in 1997 and the subsequent one in 1998.
5		H.E. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete	Tanzanian	High Representative for Libya Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in January 2016.	H.E. Jakaya Mrisho Kikwete is a former President of the United Republic of Tanzania (2005 – 2015) and former Chairperson of the African Union (2008 – 2009). As Foreign Minister and later President, he played a pivotal role in peace processes in the Great Lakes region,

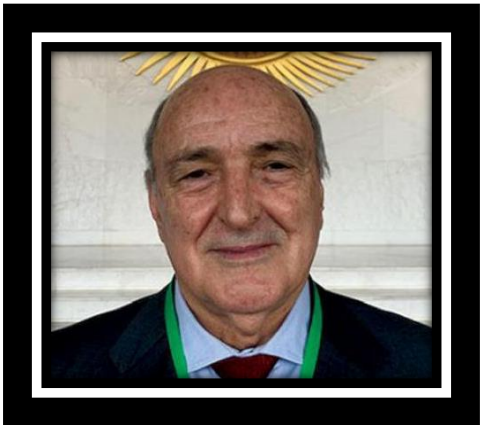
					particularly in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He also participated in mediation efforts in Kenya, Comoros, Madagascar, and Zimbabwe.
6		H.E. Dr. Donald Kaberuka	Rwandan	High Representative for the Peace Fund Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in January 2016.	H.E. Dr. Donald Kaberuka is a former Minister of Finance of the Republic of Rwanda and a former President of the African Development Bank Group (2005 – 2015). Dr. Kaberuka served on the Board of Trustees of the World Economic Forum, the Mandela Institute (Minds) and the Mo Ibrahim Foundation. He is currently the Chairman and Managing Partner of SouthBridge, a Pan-African financial advisory and investment firm.

7		H.E. Maman Sambo Sidikou	Nigerien	High Representative for Mali and the Sahel Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in May 2021.	H.E. Maman Sambo Sidikou is a former Minister of Foreign Affairs and African Integration of the Republic of Niger. He served as the Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission and Head of the AU Mission in Somalia (AMISOM) (2014 – 2015), and the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Head of the United Nations Organization Stabilization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (MONUSCO) (2015 – 2018). He also served as the Executive Secretary of the G5 Sahel (2018 – 2021).
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8		H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo	Nigerian	High Representative for the Horn of Africa Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in August 2021.	H.E. Olusegun Obasanjo is a former President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria (1999 – 2007) and former Head of the Federal Military Government of Nigeria (1976 – 1979). He has been involved in numerous international mediation efforts, including Angola, Burundi, Mozambique, Namibia and South Africa. He is also a former UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy for the Great Lakes region (2008).
					H.E. Basile Ikouebe is a former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the

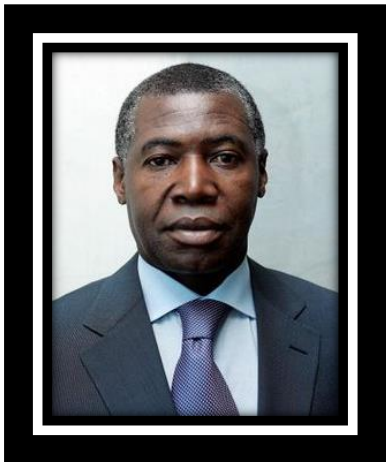
9		H.E. Basile Ikouebe	Congolese	AU High Representative for Chad, Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission and Head of the AU Liaison Office in Chad. Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in May 2021.	Republic of Congo (2007 – 2015). He has a wealth of experience and has participated in several mediation interventions in Chad and Sudan. Prior to his current assignment, he served as the AU Special Representative for the Great Lakes Region and Head of the AU Liaison Office in Burundi from 2017 to 2021.
10		Mrs. Michelle Ndiaye Ntab	Senegalese	Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission and Head of the AU Liaison Office in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in June 2020.	Mrs. Michelle Ndiaye Ntab is a former Director of the Africa Peace and Security Programme in collaboration with the AU Commission at the Institute for Peace and Security Studies (IPSS) and the former Head of the Tana Forum Secretariat. She has a wealth of experience in the field

					of democratic and local governance, post-conflicts and community recovery, sustainable development and environmental issues, transitional justice, communication and research.
11		Amb. Dr. Matias Bertino Matondo	Angolan	Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission and Head of the AU Mission for the Central African Republic and Central Africa (MISAC). Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in May 2019.	Amb. Dr. Matias Bertino Matondo has a wealth of experience in the field of preventive diplomacy, peace support operations, defence and security cooperation. He is a former Chairperson of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) Oversight Committee and served as the head of SADC Preventive

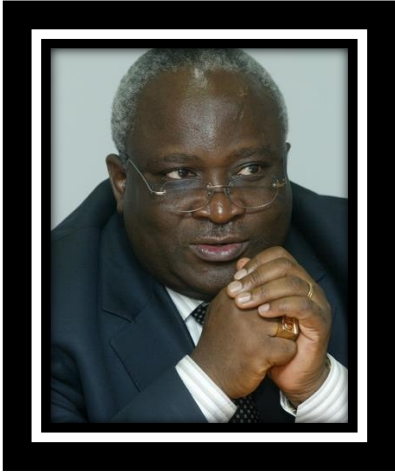
					Mission in Lesotho (SAPMIL) in 2018.
12		Amb. Mohamed Belaiche	Moroccan	Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission and Head of the AU Liaison Office in the Republic of Sudan. Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in May 2019.	Amb. Mohamed Belaiche is a former Ambassador of the Kingdom of Morocco to several countries. He has extensive diplomatic experience in African affairs, peacebuilding and preventive diplomacy.
13		Amb. Prof. Joram Mukama Biswaro	Tanzanian	Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission and Head of the AU Mission in South Sudan (AUMISS). Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in October 2016.	Amb. Prof. Joram Mukama is a former Ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania to Latin America and the Caribbean and the former Permanent Representative to the AU and UN Economic Commission for Africa. He is a former Chair of the AU Peace and Security Council and has been part of several

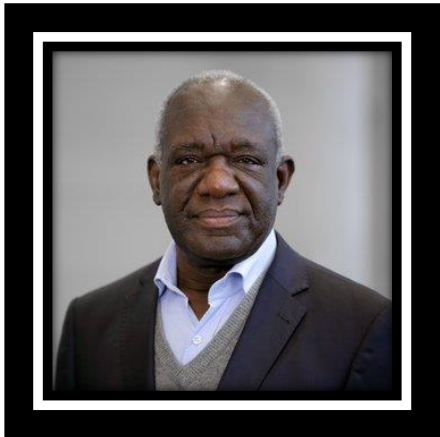
					AU election observer missions to Zimbabwe, South Africa, Ghana and Kenya. He is also an accomplished scholar who has published extensively on issues of regional integration, multi-party democracy and conflict management.
14		Amb. Wahida Ayari	Tunisian	Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission and Head of the AU Liaison Office in the State of Libya. Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in November 2016.	Amb. Wahida Ayari is a former Minister Plenipotentiary and Deputy Director in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia. She has extensive diplomatic experience in African affairs and preventive diplomacy.
16				Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission and Head of the AU Liaison	

			Amb. Josephine Charlotte Mayuma Kala	Congolese	Office in the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire. Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in June 2015.	
17			Amb. Hawa Ahmed Youssouf	Djiboutian	Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission and Head of the AU Liaison Office in the Republic of Madagascar. Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in March 2014.	Amb. Hawa Ahmed Youssouf is a former cabinet minister from the Republic of Djibouti. She has served on several international committees aimed at promoting peace and security in Africa. She also served as the AU Special Representative to the Central African Republic, where she was engaged in helping to raise funding for the disarmament, demobilization and reintegration of victims affected by the conflict.

18		Amb. Ovidio Manuel Barbosa Pequeno	São Tomean	Special Representative of the Chairperson of the AU Commission and Head of the Republic of São Tome and Principe. Appointed by the Chairperson of the Commission in July 2012.	Amb. Ovidio Manuel Barbosa Pequeno is a former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of São Tome and Principe (2004 – 2006). He has long-standing diplomatic experience and knowledge of African issues in general and Lusophone Africa in particular. He is a former Chair of the Council of Ministers of the Community of Portuguese Speaking Countries (CPLP) and headed the delegation of that institution in the mediation efforts to resolve the conflict that shook Guinea-Bissau between 2004 and 2006.

THE PANEL OF THE WISE

19		H.E. Domitien Ndayizeye	Burundi	Member of the 5 th Panel of the Wise (Central Africa Region)	H.E. Domitien Ndayizeye is a Burundian politician who served as the President of Burundi from 2003 to 2005. H.E. Ndayizeye played a pivotal role in negotiating the Arusha Agreement that ended the Burundian Civil War and facilitated the implementation of the agreement.
20		H.E. Amre Moussa	Egypt	Member of the 5 th Panel of the Wise (Northern Africa Region)	H.E. Amre Moussa is an Egyptian politician and diplomat who served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs from 1991 to 2001, and the Secretary-General of the Arab League from 01 June 2001 to 01 July 2011. He held leading positions in the Foreign Ministry of his country and is a former

					member of the United Nation's High-Level Panel on Threats, Challenges, and Change for international peace and security, established by the then UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.
21		Prof. Babacar Kante	Senegal	A member of the 5 th Panel of the Wise, (Western Africa Region)	Professor Babacar Kante is an academic and a constitutional expert. Since 2021, he serves as the Chairperson of the Political National Dialogue Commission. His career spans more than four decades, including serving as a member of the Cellular Commission for Consultations of Political Parties in Senegal from 1997 to 1998; a member of the National Observatory of Elections from 1998 to 1999; Vice-President of the Constitutional

					Council of Senegal from 2002 to 2008.
22		Hon. Lady Justice (Rtd) Effie Owuor	Kenya	Member of the 5 th Panel of the Wise (Eastern Africa Region)	Hon. Lady Justice Owuor is a Kenyan lawyer and judge who served as the country's first female State Counsel, magistrate, High Court Judge, and Court of Appeal Judge. Lady Justice Owuor was the first Kenyan woman to receive a law degree from the University of Dar es Salaam. She is a strong advocate of women's and children's rights.
23		H.E. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka	South Africa	Member of the 5 th Panel of the Wise (Southern Africa Region)	H.E. Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka was the former South Africa's deputy president from 2005 to 2008. She served as the United Nations Under-Secretary-General and Executive Director of UN Women from 2013 to 2021. She has worked tirelessly on

					programmes and policies to reduce inequality. As the head of UNWomen, she has been a global advocate for women and girls. She established initiatives such as the HeForShe for men and boys to address gender equality. She successfully mobilized a historic \$40 billion for women and girls worldwide. She s a founder and leader of the Umlambo Foundation, which is dedicated to improving education and digital literacy training for educators.
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