

About the Secretary General



Dr Mohammed Ibn Chambas hails from Ghana and is one of the most prominent leaders in Africa today. Known for his visionary style of leadership and astute negotiating skills, Dr Chambas is credited with "breathing new life" into the ACP, during a critical time marked by a changing geopolitical landscape, global challenges of poverty and financial stability, and an intensified focus on the ACP Group's future. Since taking office, Dr Chambas has implemented major reforms at the ACP Secretariat, and continues to push for the reinvigoration of the Group's partnership with the European Union, while also strengthening South-South cooperation amongst ACP and non-ACP countries and forming strategic alliances with other partners.

Before his appointment as ACP Secretary General in November 2009, Dr Chambas was President of the 15-member Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS). Under his leadership, ECOWAS emerged as the most dynamic and advanced Regional Economic Community with a common market in Africa. Dr Chambas is a former Member of Parliament and senior civil servant, and has been directly involved in key conflict negotiations, such as the in the ECOWAS mediation efforts in Liberia leading to the agreements ending the Liberian civil war. Dr. Chambas was a key member of the Government of Ghana's campaign team for the election of H.E Mr. Kofi Annan to his first term as Secretary-General of the United Nations and was a member of the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG), which worked to facilitate a transition to constitutional democratic governance in Nigeria, Sierra Leone and The Gambia.

Dr Chambas holds Masters and Doctoral degrees from Cornell University in New York and a law degree from Case Western Reserve University Cleveland, Ohio. Amongst his many decorations, he was mostly recently awarded the German African Award in 2010 and the Crans Montana Foundation Award 2011. He served on the Advisory Council of the World Bank Report 2011 and is currently serving his third term on the Cornell University Council, being the first African ever to do so in 1997. Dr. Chambas was born on 7 December 1950. He is the father of four children.

Le Secrétaire général

D'origine Ghanéenne, Dr Mohamed Ibn Chambas est l'un des éminents figures publiques africaines. Il est reconnu pour être un visionnaire sur les grands sujets du continent. L'actuel Secrétaire Général des ACP est crédité d'apporter un nouveau souffle à l'institution depuis sa prise de fonction en Mars 2010. Dr Chambas a conduit de diverses réformes au sein du secrétariat ACP, et continue d'oeuvrer à la promotion des relations ACP-UE, la coopération Sud-Sud et autres partenariats stratégiques. Avant son mandat, Dr Chambas fut Président de la CEDEAO (Communauté économiques des états de l'Afrique de l'Ouest). Sous sa présidence, la CEDEAO est devenue une alliance régionale dynamique et stratégique. Dr Chambas a apporté par le passé son soutien dans le règlement du conflit libérien et a contribué par la négociation à mettre fin à la guerre civile dans ce pays. Il a été impliqué également à la consolidation de la transition démocratique dans les pays comme le Nigéria, la Sierra Leone et la Gambie. Il fut aussi un membre imminent du gouvernement du Ghana et a oeuvré à l'élection de S.E M. Koffi Annan pour son premier mandat à la tête des Nations Unies.

Dr Chambas est diplômé de l'Université Cornell de New York et de Cleveland, Ohio. Il a reçu plusiers distinctions, dont le German African Award 2010 et le Crans Montana Foundation Award 2011. Dr Chambas est né le 7 Decembre 1950. Il est père de quatre enfants.



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