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Moussa Faki Mahamat

Chairperson of the African Union Commission



Moussa Faki Mahamat, born on 21 June 1960, was elected as the African Union Commission (AUC) Chairperson on 30 January 2017, and assumed office in March. A Constitutional Lawyer by profession, Moussa Faki Mahamat has occupied senior governmental positions in a career that has spanned over 30 years and includes such tenures as Foreign Minister and Prime Minister in his native country Chad.

At the continental level and during his tenure as Foreign Minister of Chad, Moussa Faki Mahamat chaired the United Nations Security Council for the month of December 2015. He also chaired the Peace and Security Council of the African Union in September 2013 and steered the Nairobi Extraordinary Summit on the fight against Terrorism. He also served as Chairman of the AU Executive Council.

Moussa Faki Mahamat has a formidable global reputation as a peace broker in Africa in a career that has placed a central focus on peace and security issues in Africa. As Chairperson of the Commission, Moussa Faki Mahamat is the Chief Executive Officer, legal representative and Chief Accounting Officer. He is directly responsible to the Executive Council for the discharge of his duties.