

***Candidate of the Republic of Angola  
for the post of Secretary General  
of the African, Caribbean and Pacific  
(ACP) Group of States***

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 **English**



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international stage»***



# MY VISION ON THE FUTURE OF THE GROUP OF ACP STATES

The ACP Heads of State and Government, at the 7th and 8th Summits, declared: "Together, let us transform the ACP Group into an influential player on the international stage".

It is this motto, as well as the Group's vision as reflected in the framework document entitled "TOWARDS THE ACP GROUP WE WISH" that I would make it a point to implement, in order to carry out the radical process of reinvention and repositioning that was initiated.

The prime objective is to achieve the transformation of the ACP Group into an effective and active transcontinental organization of the 21st century, able to work in solidarity to improve the living conditions of its peoples, through the promotion of political promotion, economic and social, and through good governance, eradicating poverty, enhancing trade, sustainable development and equitable integration into the global economy, while taking advantage of the numerical weight of its 79 Members.

## 1. Make the ACP Group more dynamic:

- a) To increase and give larger visibility to the ACP Group at the international level;
- b) To consolidate the ACP Group's role in global governance in taking advantage of the strength in number;
- c) To define and carry out collective and solidarity-based strategic actions within the framework of the political dialogue to achieve the common objectives on the international level;
- d) To give greater visibility to the actions of the ACP Group, both inside and outside the States by strategically using the media;
- e) To promote gender friendly practices by enabling larger participation of women in the secretariat of the ACP Group;
- f) To support member States develop policies and create conditions which stimulate employment in order to reduce the exodus of youth.



## 2. Financial Stability and Resource Mobilization.

- a) Strengthen the capacity of private sector involvement as a key actor in the job creation and sustainable development of the ACP Group's economies.
- b) Establishment of sector-oriented trust funds that will attract and provide investment by non-traditional partners and new public and private partnerships, and the diaspora to increase their contribution to the economy of their countries.
- c) Take advantage of the position of ACP Group members in strong economic and financial organizations and build on existing relations with other multilateral, philanthropic and development institutions, foundations, as well as with the private sector and civil society;
- d) To exert greater pressure on developed countries to materialize the United Nations Development Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals (ODD);
- e) ACP member countries of OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) and APPO (African Organizations of Petroleum Producing Countries) should take advantage of their position to obtain new financing.
- f) work towards simplifying mechanisms for access to finance via the European External Investment Plan and others that may be identified;
- g) To work to effectively consolidate the integration of ACP economies to meet the future framework of the ACP Group as well as the revised Georgetown Agreement;
- h) Strengthen the South-South and triangular cooperation of ACP countries. Support and promote the establishment of the ACP South-South and Triangular Cooperation Information Center, whose headquarters agreement was signed in August 2019 in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea.





### 3. Political actions.

- a) Reinforce the future relations of the ACP Group and the European Union, while firmly maintaining the unity within the ACP Group.
- b) In terms of visibility, diplomatic action will be undertaken to ensure that ACP group is always represented in summits at the highest level: Heads of States and Governments, Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Planning or Finance;
- c) Encourage Cooperation for peace and stability among member States, including the promotion of human rights;
- d) Work towards the creation of integrated regional markets, to make the regions stronger and to end the isolation, thus allowing a better movement of people and goods, which will have beneficial effect on competition in order to realize the diversification of trade and to increase the potential of their Involve and support Small Island Developing States (SIDS) in international trade negotiations and in global governance structures through the ACP Group, in order to take advantage from collective negotiating power;
- e) Focus on multilateral cooperation in general and within the multilateral trading system in particular where the ACP Group has proven its ability to assert its strength and negotiating capacity;
- f) Supporting ACP countries in their negotiations and bilateral relations, including in the framework of Economic Partnership Agreements - EPAs;
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- h) Work closely with multilateral organizations, the Commonwealth, the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF), the African Union, CARIFORUM the Pacific Islands Forum (PIF), the United Nations, and others, with a view to articulating better the interests of the ACP Group of States.



#### 4. Climatic Issues and resilience.

ACP countries, and in particular SIDS and LDCs, are the first victims of climate change. This is a daily observation, with coastal erosions, cyclones, droughts, floods, hurricanes and extreme weather events, which continue to cause serious harm to many ACP States and wipe out all efforts of development. Thus, the impact of climate change is a major global challenge that should encourage the ACP Group to continue and strengthen its mobilization. It is necessary, among others :

- Pay special attention to the implementation of the Paris Agreements (COP21).
- Work closely with the UN departments responsible for SIDS and LDCs to advocate on behalf of these ACP members.
- Invest in promoting the blue economy.
- The marine resource potential of ACP member countries is indisputable. Therefore, it is necessary to determine the best way to take advantage of this potential, using the new technologies available and by creating new partnerships, particularly with a view to the responsible exploitation of marine mineral resources, while strengthening the implementation of ocean governance framework.
- It is essential to add value to activities related to fisheries, aquaculture, coastal tourism and the possible use of seabed resources and renewable energies, which would be the basic elements for a sustainable ocean economy.
- To strengthen collaboration with stakeholders, policy makers, knowledge institutions to improve sustainable development of the Fisheries and Aquaculture sector.



# CURRICULUM VITAE



**Place and date of birth :** Huambo (Angola), 16 June 1955

**Nationality :** Angolan

**Marital Status :** married

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Georges R.P. ChiKoti has devoted nearly 30 years of his professional career to diplomacy and international relations, in a particularly complex and difficult global environment for Angola, a young independent State.

This long experience has allowed him to improve his negotiation and dialogue skills. His tireless action, know-how, commitment and dedication have had a significant and lasting impact on Angolan diplomacy and have led to the international recognition of Angola as a major political player in the stability of the country, Africa and the world.



His leadership is recognized at the national, regional and international levels. His experience in crisis management has allowed him to successfully fulfill his mandate at the International Conference on the Great Lakes Region (ICGLR) where he chaired the Interministerial Committee.

In March 2016, Georges R.P. Chikoti chaired the United Nations Security Council's public debate on "Peacekeeping and International Security: Conflict Prevention and Resolution in the Great Lakes Region".

In July 2017, he assumed the presidency of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defense and Security.

Despite the heavy responsibilities incumbent on him, he was nevertheless able to participate in all sessions of the United Nations General Assembly, as well as the Executive Council (Council of Ministers) and the summit sessions of the Organisation of the United Nations. Organization of African Unity (OAU), now the African Union (AU), since 1993 and for almost 25 years. At the regional level, Georges R. Chikoti has spent more time actively participating in the key ministerial meetings and summits of SADC and ECCAS, while defending these institutions at the international level.

Georges R.P. Chikoti has actively worked with the portuguese speaking countries (CPLP), where he represented Angola at ministerial meetings and at summits. He chaired the Council of Ministers during the period 2012-2014 and, as such, led several peacekeeping missions in Guinea-Bissau with a view to reconciliation between the parties in conflict. He also represented Angola at various international fora, including the BRICS, in 2013, where he led the Angolan delegation to the BRICS Summit in Durban, South Africa, which defined the strategic partnership between NEPAD (New Partnership for Development in Africa) and the BRICS member States.

In the same year, from 1 to 3 June, in Yokohama, Japan, Georges R.P. Chikoti led the Angolan delegation to the fifth Tokyo International Conference on Development in Africa (TICAD).





Indeed, he represented the Angolan head of state at numerous international summits organized by international organisations or in bilateral fora such as the Forum for China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC).

The candidate has extensive experience in the field of peace and security. In 2018, he was appointed to the team of facilitators of the political dialogue in South Sudan. During his tenure as Deputy Minister and Minister of External Relations, Angola was twice elected non permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (2003-2004, 2015-2016).

These terms were marked by intense diplomatic engagement, in which Angola chaired various United Nations working groups, including the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa and the Informal Working Group on procedural matters. It was then that George Chikoti, a true diplomat and peacemaker, became the regional spokesperson for peace and security in Africa and the world, while promoting the African agenda at the international level.

In the ACP Group, a house he knows very well, as Minister of External Relations, Georges Chikoti has supported the Group's entire dynamic.

Currently he is actively involved in the ACP-EU negotiations for a new partnership agreement, both at the foundation level and at the regional protocol level. At the foundation level he is a member of the Central Negotiating Group, as well as a member of the Technical Negotiation Team (TNTIII) on dialogue. With regard to the negotiation of the Regional Protocol for Africa, he is a permanent member of Technical Negotiating Team III (TNTIII).

Georges R.P. Chikoti's long and solid experience, as well as his exemplary qualities, characterize a candidate who will not only be a valuable asset to the ACP Group, but will also provide the necessary visionary leadership in this historic period of the Agreement.



George R. P. Chikoti's extensive network of contacts, which includes the world's largest and most international organizations, is an additional asset, as it will facilitate the projection of the ACP Group at the international level. Its deep spirit of dialogue and openness will enable it to carry out effectively the noble and important mission of bringing the ACP Group into a transformed and visible organization with an effectively managed secretariat.

**2018:** Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Angola to the Kingdom of Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and Head of Mission to the European Union.

**2010-2017:** Minister of External Relations of Angola - a position he held for seven years, whose responsibility was to:

- Define and execute all the foreign policy of the country;
- Participate in all international conferences, mainly those of the United Nations system and the African Union;
- Coordinate all the directorates and department of the ministry of External Relations;
- Coordinate the 72 diplomatic and consular missions of the Republic of Angola around the world.

**2008-2010:** State Secretary for External Relations, In charge of co-operation.

**1991-2008:** Deputy-minister of External Relations in charge of International Organisations.

**1989-199:** Assistant Professor at the Institute of Development and International Relations of the University of Ottawa – Canada.

**1988-1989:** Director at the Imperial Bank of Commerce of Canada.



## STUDIES & GRADUATIONS

- 1985-1986** : Doctoral Studies – Université de Paris XII Créteil – Val de Marne – France.
- 1983-1985** : Master of Geography – Abidjan University – Ivory Coast.
- 1978-1983** : Bachelor of History and Geography – Abidjan University – Ivory Coast.
- 1978** : Baccalaureate – Lycée Classique d’Abidjan – Ivory Coast.
- 1965-1975** : Primary and secondary Education – Masala Secondary School – Ndola – Zambia.

## ORGANISATIONAL/MANAGERIAL SKILLS

- Ability to communicate and work in an international environment.
- Ability to coordinate, manage and monitor projects.
- Rigor and methodical spirit.
- Ability to work in team.

## LANGUAGES

- English – Excellent knowledge (mother tongue level)
- French – Excellent knowledge (mother tongue level)
- Portuguese – Excellent knowledge (mother tongue level)
- Spanish – Good understanding
- Swahili – Good understanding.

## COMPUTER COMPETENCE

- Basic computer skills (using of computing tools)

## HOBIES

- Sports, reading, arts and culture.



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