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Dr Josephine Ojiambo

Deputy Secretary General of the Commonwealth Secretariat in London



On 24 October 2014, the appointment of Dr Josephine Ojiambo as Deputy Secretary-General (Political) at the Commonwealth Secretariat was announced, with a mandate including the overseeing of the political, human rights, rule of law, and communications work of the Secretariat.

Dr Ojiambo took office in January 2015, coming to the Commonwealth Secretariat from the United Nations Population Fund, where she served as Chief of the Executive Board and External Relations Branch with responsibility for intergovernmental relations, and also for building strategic relations with UN agencies, civil society and the private sector. She had previously served as Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Kenya to the United Nations.

Dr Ojiambo brings to her new role more than 25 years of experience in international relations, diplomacy, governance and policy advocacy. She has held a wide range of leadership, management and advisory positions in the political process, and in public, private, and non-governmental sectors at national and multilateral levels.

Dr Ojiambo bears a strong track record in leadership, strategic and operational management, and a rights-based approach to international development, democracy-building, and conflict resolution, and an impressive versatility of high level experience and skills appropriate for the position”.

As a public health physician, trained in international relations and diplomacy, Dr Ojiambo brings her skills in socio-epidemiology to the discourse on international development.