

**Madjara Tiegbana Coulibaly MP, Côte d'Ivoire**



Hon. Madjara Tiegbana Coulibaly was elected Member of the Côte d'Ivoire National Assembly on March 2021. Prior to that, she was executive at the Central Bank of West African States for 35 years. Hon. Coulibaly is also Chair of Bâton du pèlerin, an NGO dedicated to help women and children getting out of poverty.

**Collins Adomako-Mensah MP, Ghana**



Hon. Adomako-Mensah graduated from the University of Ghana in 2007 with a first class in banking and finance. He also holds a master's degree in finance from the University of Ghana. He is chartered member of the Chartered Institute of Banking.

He was elected member of the Ghanaian Parliament for Afigya Kwabre North Constituency in the 8<sup>th</sup> Parliament of Ghana. He is member of both the finance and health committees of parliament. Prior to that, he served as staff of Fidelity Bank and GCB Bank Ghana Limited, between 2011-2019.

**Marlene Malahoo Forte MP, Attorney General; Jamaica**



Marlene Forte took the oath of office as the Honourable Attorney General of Jamaica, when the Jamaica Labour Party (JLP) Andrew Holness-led Cabinet was sworn in on 2016 March 7. She is a third term legislator who has served in both Houses of Parliament of Jamaica: Now as the elected Member of Parliament for the Constituency of Saint James West Central (since 2016 February 25); previously as Opposition Senator-Senate Spokesperson on Foreign Affairs

& Foreign Trade (2012-2014) and Shadow Minister of Health (2015 -2016 February); earlier, as Government Senator and State Minister of Foreign Affairs & Foreign Trade (2009 July -2011 December).

**Senator Neila Tazi, Morocco**



Senator Neila Tazi has been a Senator in the Moroccan House of Counselors since 2015, where she was the first woman Vice-President of the Senate from 2016 to 2018, and the first to chair plenary sessions. She was born in Washington DC where her father was an Executive Director at the World Bank in the late 1960s, giving her a life-long connection to the World Bank. She is the Chair of the Moroccan Chapter of the Parliamentary Network (PN) and frequently plays an active role in PN global and regional activities. Ms. Tazi was elected as President of the Federation of Cultural and Creative Industries in February 2019. In 1998 she founded the Essaouira Gnaoua and World Music Festival.

**Gagan Thapa MP, Nepal**



Hon. Thapa was born and raised in Kathmandu, graduated from Siddhartha Vanasthali School in 1992, and finished his Bachelor of Science in chemistry from Tri Chandra College in 1998, and M.A Sociology from Tribhuvan University in 2003. Currently, he is serving as a Member of Parliament, Nepal. Prior to that, he served as the Minister of Health and Population of Nepal from 2016 to 2017.

Stephen Sinikiem Azaiki MP, Nigeria



Prof. Azaiki has a Bachelor and Master degrees, as well as a Doctorate Degree in Crop Science from the Agricultural Academy in Kiev Ukraine. He also obtained a MBA in Project Management from Federal University of Technology, Owerri; a second PhD in Public Administration from the Ukrainian Regional University of Personnel Management.

Prof. Azaiki had a stint as science teacher in Bishop Dimeari Grammar School. On Return from studies abroad, he got employed on Grade Level 13 in the Federal Ministry of Labour and Productivity in 1993, and retired on Grade Level 17 in 2007, after serving as State Director in Rivers and Oyo States Directorates of the National Directorate of Employment (NDE).

In Bayelsa State, he has served in about 16 positions, notably pioneer Commissioner of Agriculture and Natural Resources; twice as Secretary to the State Government (SSG), and a number of honorary advisory positions in the state. At national level, Prof. Azaiki at various times, served as Special Adviser to the Minister of Special Duties, Minister of Federal Capital Territory, Abuja; Minister of Police Affairs and Minister of Youth Development.

Chief among Non-governmental (NGOs) founded and co-founded by Professor Steve Azaiki are the World Environment Foundation for Africa (WEMFFA) and the National Think-Tank Nigeria (NTTN), all of which he served as President, respectively, as well as coordinator and chairman of 13 committees of NTTN, which also submitted memorandum to the 2014 National Conference in the era

of Former President Goodluck Jonathan.

**Ricardo Leite MD MP, Portugal**



Hon. Leite, a medical doctor by training, is a Member of Parliament since 2011. He was elected as Vice President of the Parliamentary Network in April 2019. He is President of UNITE – Parliamentarians Network to End HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis and Other Infectious Diseases. He is also one of six people acknowledged globally by The Economist as an “Hepatitis C Virus Change Maker.” He is also Head of Public Health at Católica University of Portugal and Former Deputy Mayor of Cascais.

**Senator Antonio Alarcó, Spain**



Antonio Alarcó was first elected Senator in 2008 and has been reelected ever since. He has been President of the National Health and Social Welfare Commission of the Spanish Senate, Permanent Member of the Standing Committee at the Spanish Senate, Member of the Economy and Business Commission (XII, XI Legislature).

He also worked as Member of the European Commission (XII Legislature), Member of the Ibero-American Affairs Commission (XII, X Legislature), Member of the Special Commission on Demographic Evolution in Spain (XII Legislature), and President of the Human Genome and Personalized Medicine Study, among other positions. He is Professor of Surgery at the University of La Laguna (Spain) and holds a PhD in Sociology with the thesis entitled: "Social Perception of User's and Professional's Health. Tourism Implications". He also has a second PhD in Scientific Journalism within the Program of New Information Trends in the European Community with the thesis entitled: "Scientific Journalism in the Daily Press; Biomedicine Aspects".

He is Vice President of the International College of Surgeons, Director of the Training Center in Robotics, Telemedicine and Telesurgery at the HUC - European Master in "Telemedicine & Bioengineering applied to Telemedicine".

**The Rt Hon. Liam Byrne MP, United Kingdom**



The Rt Hon. Liam Byrne MP is MP for Birmingham Hodge Hill, Chair of the Global Parliamentary Network of the IMF & World Bank, and Gwilym Gibbon Research Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford.

A former Cabinet minister, Liam served as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in No 10 Downing Street during the Great Financial Crisis, and in Her Majesty's Treasury where, as Chief Secretary to the Treasury, he designed Labour's fiscal consolidation strategy. In Opposition, Liam served in a number of frontbench positions, chaired Labour's Policy Review, served on the Council of Europe and founded the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Inclusive Growth, which he chairs.

A former Fulbright scholar at the Harvard Business School, Liam has written twenty books, chapters and pamphlets about economic history, development and foreign affairs. His history of British capitalism *Dragons: Ten Entrepreneurs Who Built Britain* was published in 2016. He is also the author of *Black Flag Down: Counter Extremism, Defeating ISIS and Winning the Battle of Ideas*; and *Turning to Face the East: How Britain Prospers in the Asian Century*. Liam is one of Westminster's leading authorities on China, helped kickstart the Economic & Finance Dialogue, and co-founded the UK-China Young Leader's Roundtable.